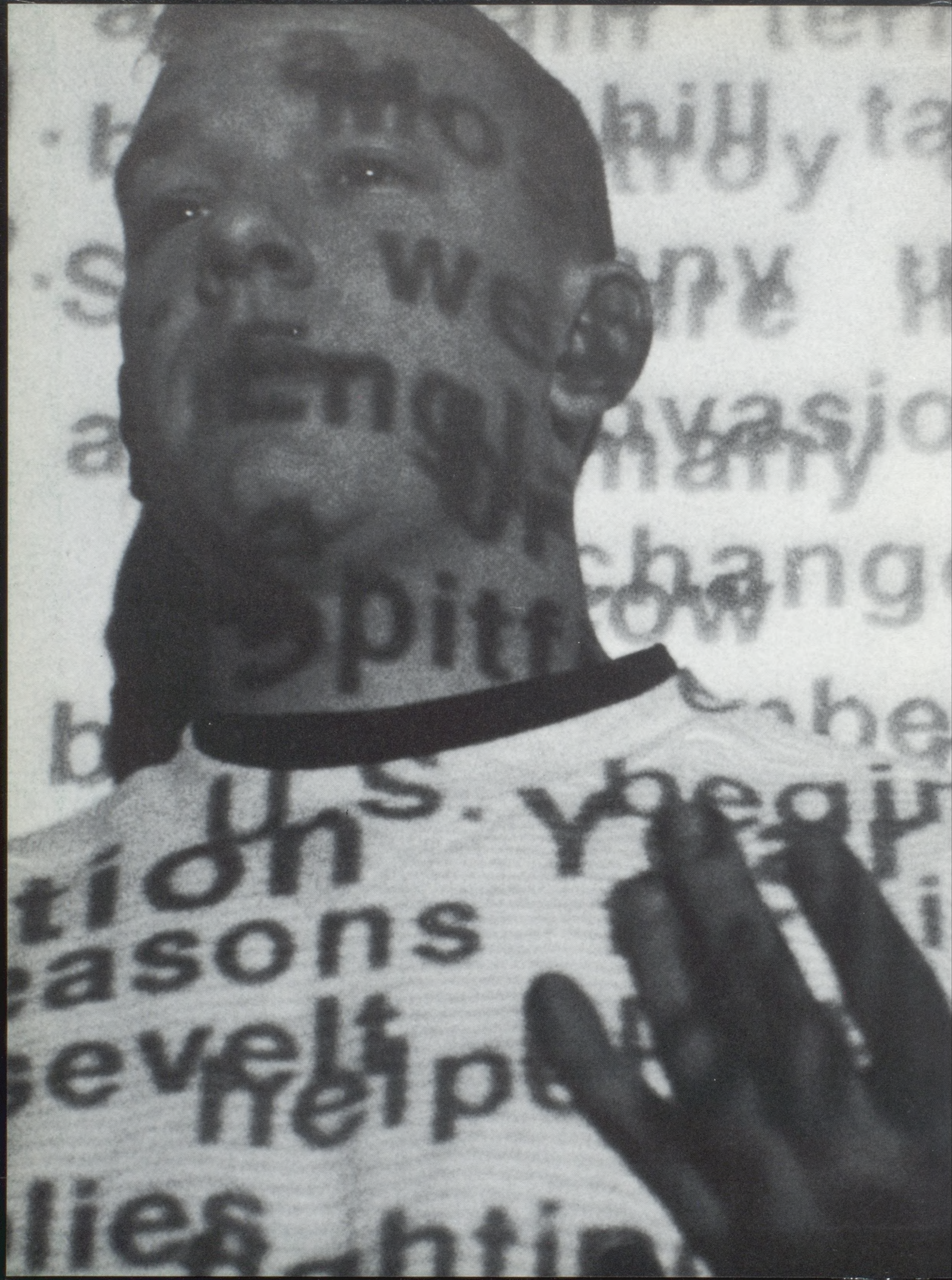




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Junior Karl Tank carefully measures two milliliters of **hydrochloric acid** during a lab in Honors Chemistry. The acid was then combined with magnesium to determine the chemical formula of the reaction. Accuracy, an essential part of chemistry, counted as 16 percent of the final grade. photo by Steve Ring



Sophomore Bryan Burkhardt and Junior Sarah Schreurs mix **Rice Crispy bars** and prepare to deliver them to the Green Meadows area. The cooking was an FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Christmas project. photo by Kim Ruisch



Feeling a little less than **warm and fuzzy**, sophomore Doug Langworthy ascends from the Des Moines River at the Boone Y-Camp during the Leadership Retreat held November 4th through the 6th. Canoe-tipping, among many other activities, added to the muddy, wet excitement of the retreat. photo by Heidi Zeiger



Preparing gifts for children with jailed parents was **SADD's Christmastime project**. Freshman Amanda Fox participates by wrapping a stuffed bunny. photo by Tara Guttridge



Rescuing the ball from a Roosevelt opponent, senior Luc Clana executes a **swift recovery** and regains control. Johnston lost to the Roughriders 2-1 in an end-of-season tournament. This was the only defeat Johnston suffered, concluding the season with a total of 15 wins, one loss. photo by Kim Ruisch



Backstage, Junior Carri Hansen takes the excruciating pangs necessary to fit the character of **Chi-Chi Vazoom** in the fall play "My Son Is Crazy - But Promising." Staff member Denise Jackson sculpts her "do" to perfection. photo by Kris Tedesco



Selecting **six fresh apples** for lunch, senior Christopher Sayers scopes the produce section of Johnston HyVee before school. Community businesses were a significant part of the lives of Johnston students and staff. photo by Heidi Zeiger



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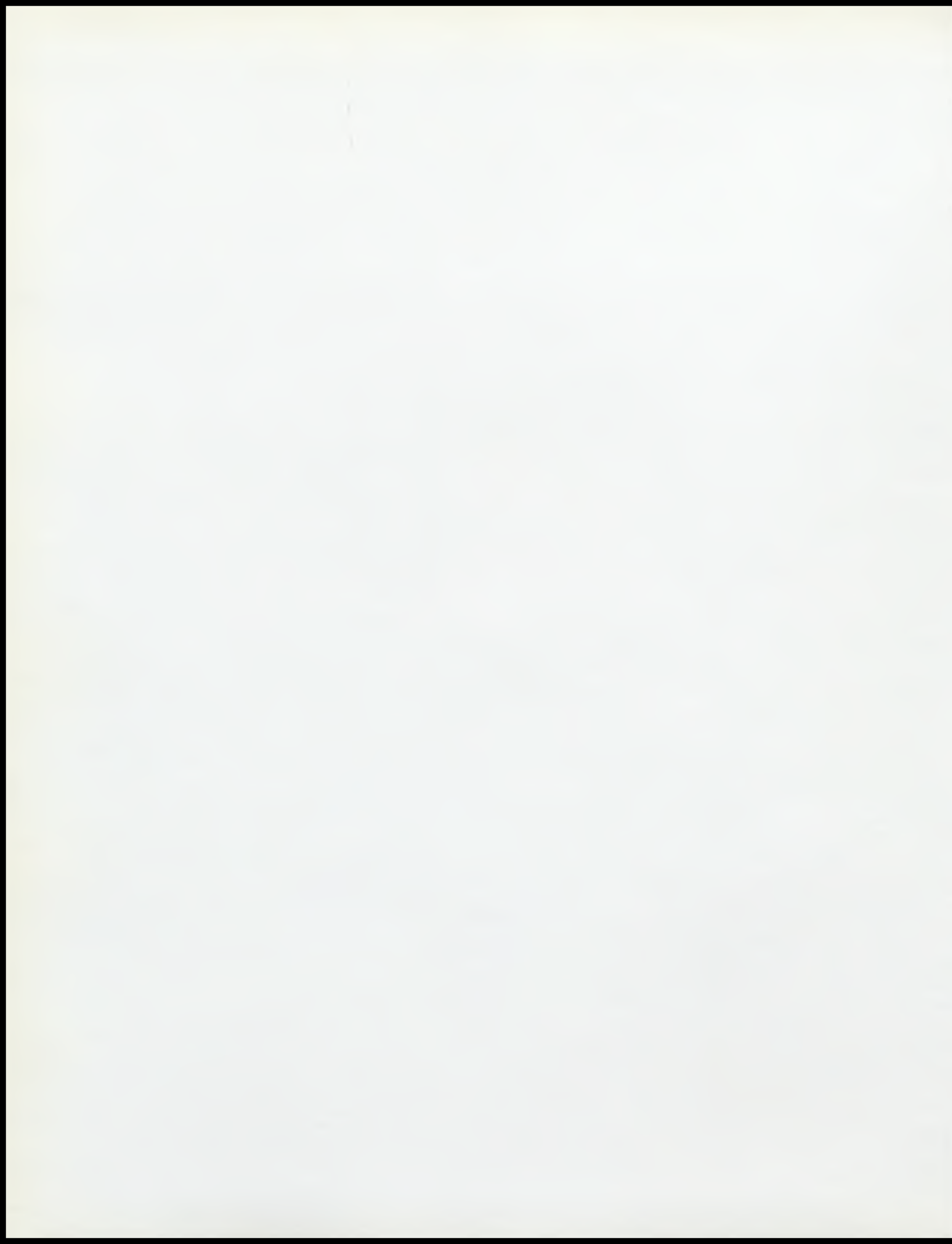
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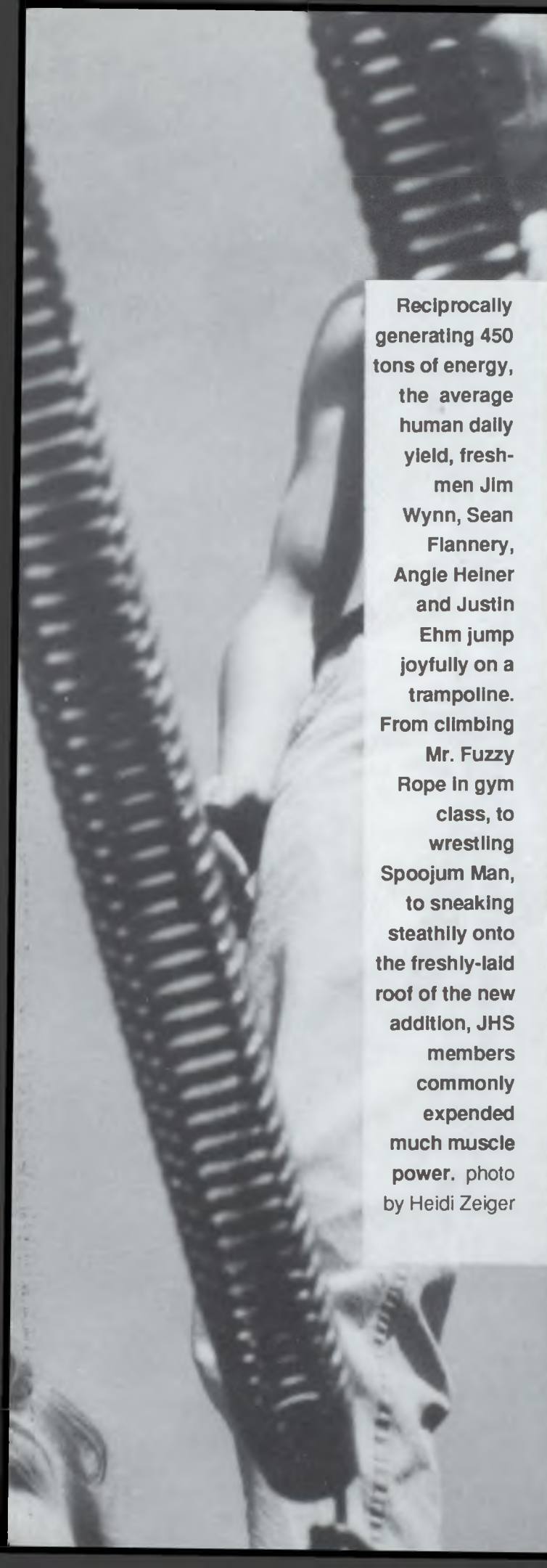
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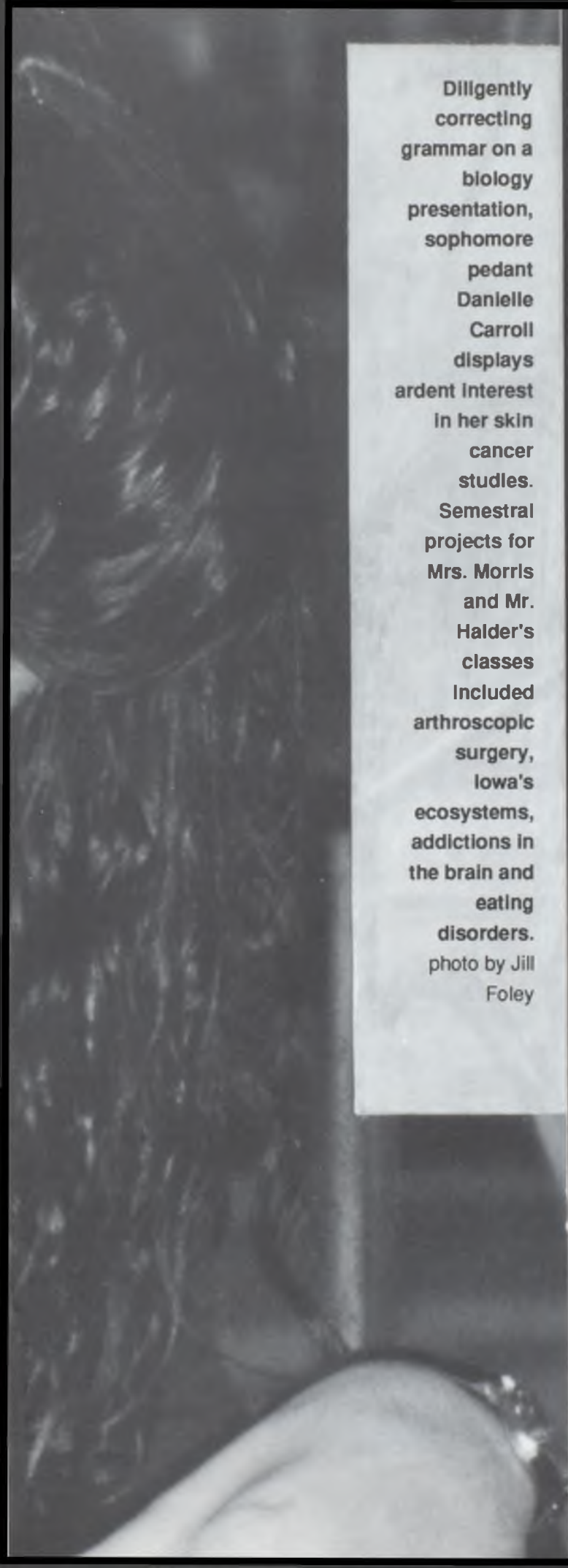
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"I'm taking Intro to Business because I want to be in business when I grow up and I think I'll get a good start on it. I want to be a real estate agent or an accountant."

-Kelly Angstrom, '97

"I was thinking about going into a business profession and I figured that Computer Applications would give me a head start."

-Marc Leigh, '96

"I want to be an actuary and I think taking Accounting II will help me to learn more about how a business runs and what goes along within it. I guess you could say that it has helped me decide on a definite career choice."

-Misti Strome, '95

"I want to go into real estate or marketing. Marketing class teaches you a lot about the buying/selling process."

I'm also taking Applied Economics because we get to develop our own original product and sell it. You learn how to be a good salesman by being turned down by your friends."

-Tammy Babcock, '94

As part of his Accounting I Business simulation project Junior John Sederwall writes out a check for Maxwell Jewelry.

This check was supposed to pay for a magazine subscription for the company. The project required students to keep track of its profits and expenses.

Maxwell Jewelry was an imaginary business for which students learned to balance financial banking accounts. photo by Jill Norviel



During the four passing minutes in between classes, freshman Adam Tetzloff purchases a t-shirt from senior Jeremy Rinehart. Selling t-shirts was a must for all Applied Economics students if they wanted to pass the class and keep their company, Big Daddy Outfitters, afloat. photo by Steve Ring

Hard at work, sophomore Brian Blessman types sentences during warmups. The class took eight minutes a day to warm up their fingers so that they could perform all typing feats necessary to complete the Business Keyboarding assignments. photo by Mark Stookey



KEYBOARDING CLASS

making a product and balancing budgets

Business classes bypassed traditional methods to gain experience for the future. Spread by Jennifer Jones and Steve Ring

Sitting behind a desk, filling out forms and typing reports on computers: these were all stereotypes of what happened during a business class. The students went beyond the traditional classroom setting to explore the business world.

Applied Economics started a clothing business called Big Daddy Outfitters. Its sole purpose was to make money and they did just that. But a business needs capital to get started so they sold stock.

"Mostly students bought the stock. They went crazy. In a Creative Writing class, ten or eleven students bought four shares each," said senior Jeremy Rinehart. After all their fun, the profits were divided up among the share holders.

It was hard to succeed in the business world without technology and that was the main focus of the Computer Applications class. The students made short videos and learned to edit them using Area 11 video-editing equipment.

"It was a nice change to get out of the classroom and do something out of the ordinary," said senior Lissa Smith.

The accounting classes took a more conventional classroom approach. The students learned to manage the finances of an imaginary corporation called Maxwell Jewelry by keeping records of its debits and credits.

"It's fun because you get to do business simulation packets, and Mr. Oldham tells good jokes," said junior Bryan Greiner.

Mr. Oldham's jokes were not entertaining enough to keep all enthused. "You just sit there and do work everyday," said junior Aaron Toney. It was back to business as usual. Story by Jennifer Jones and Steve Ring

"I took Computer Applications because I heard that it was really helpful in learning how to use computers. Well, I now know how to use a variety of useful programs available on the Mac, which may help me later in life."

-Derek Trobaugh, sophomore



"Social studies let me learn of old civilizations and their leaders. Some of the leaders like Napoleon screwed up really bad. But what Napoleon did was done over and over again. So if I go into politics I'll know what not to do."

-Jacob Beardsley, '97

"I plan to go into the Air Force. What I have learned in social studies will help me locate places on the planet if I work with satellites."

-Ryan West, '96

"I plan to go into an English field, possibly journalism and that has a lot to do with government. It helps you know what's going on and understand it because history usually repeats itself, but people try not to make the same mistakes over."

-Marisa Baumgarn, '95

"I think government discussions will help me understand others' viewpoints and how people interact with each other. It will also help me comprehend how people respond to the world around them."

-Joy Phillips, '94

Freshman Jeff Cottrell and Vachel White point out Ireland while giving their presentation on the IRA (Irish Republican Army).

The project was part of their Topics in Citizenship class. Although social studies wasn't a requirement for freshmen, they had the option of either taking Topics in Citizenship first semester or Topics in Geography second semester. photo by Mark Stookey.



Crowning sophomore Tara Guttridge "chief" with Mrs. Cline's Miss Keokuk crown, sophomore Amanda Fisher performs one of the rituals of an Egyptian dance. The dance, which also included music and food, replaced the final exam in Accelerated World Studies. The class, along with A.P. U.S. History, was a new course offered to fill the social studies requirement. photo by Steve Ring

To convince students to vote President Madison into the Presidents' Hall of Fame, senior Lyle Wicks gives a speech during American government while Mark Gay, the official poster holder, displays campaign propaganda. Students were required to prepare a report and campaign posters on their assigned presidents. photo by Shannon Smith



SLEEPY STORIES

ponytails and cnn

Social studies taught students about people, past and present. Spread by Jennifer Jones and Mark Stookey

"We brushed all his hair forward and put a ponytail on the top of his head. Then we tied his shoes together. We were going to start something else but he woke up," said world studies student sophomore Sara Myer. "We were watching a really boring movie and Matt Vannausdle fell asleep so Monica Wiig, Sarah Hamilton, May-Lee Beckham and I decided to do funny stuff to him."

Napping transpired in a few social studies classes. History lectures became bedtime stories for some. "I fell asleep on the floor one time. I was just really tired so I lay down on the floor next to my desk and went to sleep," said A.P. U.S. History student junior Andrea Haag.

Other students found the sharing of current events to be a more interesting part of class. "I've never watched the news so much in my life. It's interesting to talk about what's going on in the world," said world studies student sophomore Joann Stark.

Besides the two new advanced classes, Accelerated World Studies and A.P. U.S. History, another option was psychology. One aspect of the class studied a young woman whose engrossing story put no one to sleep. "We learned about Sybil and her multiple personalities. It was interesting to learn that one person could divide herself into 16 different personalities," said psychology student junior Courtney Lester. "I liked it. It helps me understand people better and why they do the things they do."

Although social studies was tedious at times, students got a lot out of the different topics that each class studied. "In our history class we not only talk about the past but the present," said world studies student sophomore Zac Christensen. Christensen felt that the connection between the two was the only way for some people to learn. Story by Jennifer Jones and Mark Stookey

"I decided to take A.P. because it would look good when I was applying to colleges. I like the class because even though Mr. Kinder lectures, you can interrupt him and ask questions. Then he'll explain it in 'English.' It's really not that hard,"

-Sarah Shoper, junior



"I hope to go into journalism someday and the English classes I have taken in high school will definately help me out. They will surely help me when I'm writing my articles."

-Beau Brindley, '97

"The speech class I took my sophomore year will help me in the future when I'm giving my speeches, especially when I'm giving toasts at my friends' weddings."

-Shon Olson, '96

"The interviews, resumes and college entrance essays I will soon have to write will all require the English skills which I have learned throughout high school. Advanced Composition has really helped me improve my writing skills."

-Megan Kalamaja, '95

"Although I hope to someday become a coach, I suppose I will use my grammar which I learned from my early English classes. It will probably help me out most when I'm phrasing my pick-up lines for my prospective girlfriends."

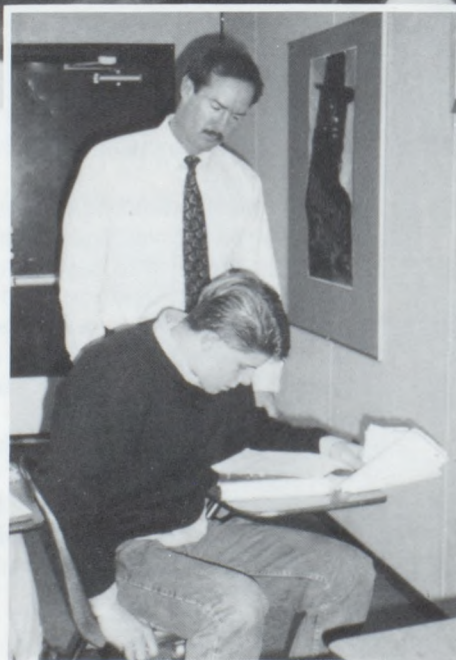
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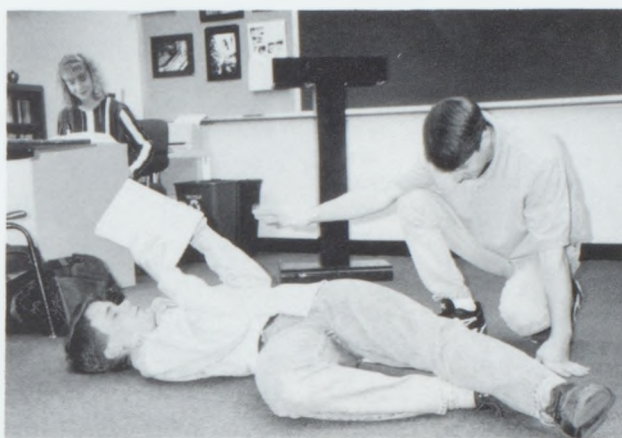


New to the district this year, English teacher Mr. Jim Blasingame observes freshman Ryan Ruisch.

Blasingame felt the best way to revise papers was to have one's peers note the strengths and weaknesses. Ruisch carries out this technique as he critiques freshman classmate Jenny Reed's paper for her final exam. photo by Emily Gelormino



Senior Andy Offenburger plays the role of "Grandma" in the A.P. English play "The Sandbox." Meanwhile, her "Angel of Death", senior Riley Phipps, carefully watches over her. Playing her clarinet, senior Crissy Hammen acts out the part of the "musician". This play, written by playwright Edward Albee, was one of many that was read throughout the year. photo by Jill Foley



STEELUNDIE

geoffrey chaucer and julius caesar

Unusual speeches enabled students to learn in a less-structured environment. Spread by Emily Gelormino and Mark Stookey

Standing behind the brown podium he wore a solemn look on his face. Raising his generic notebook paper adorned with a blue metal device which resembled the medieval armor, sophomore Mike Wicks began. "Have you ever been shot in the butt or genitals? If you have, or fear that you might be, you should try my new bullet-proof underwear." The class erupted into a round of laughter.

Creative projects such as this one which required students to invent and market a product were common in the sophomore speech classes and in most of the other English classes. Advanced Composition students created projects also. "One of our projects was to create an essay for a college entrance exam. Mrs. Koth gave us about 25 different topics to write on that were real essay topics from colleges across the country. The one I chose to write about was an essay on the three things I would take with me to best show my roommate my personality," said junior Jenn Morrison.

Plays were a type of literature which many English students were required to study. While the seniors completed acts by Edward Albee and Arthur Miller, the sophomores were introduced to the style, language and phrasing of Brutus and Caesar. Junior Beth Ann Nelson said, "In my world literature class we read the play 'The Song of Roland' by Geoffrey Chaucer. I got to do a project on the kinds of food they ate during that time in the Renaissance."

Freshman English classes, too, stressed the importance of more than just reading directly from textbooks. "Ms. Shipp gave us the opportunity to be creative in our studies on the Indians," said freshman Beau Brindley. "I dressed like Geronimo and told a reporter about my life and beliefs. It was much more interesting than reading about the Indians and what they did. It made it seem more real."

From speech to world literature to A.P. English, many students realized it was much more meaningful and exciting to create a project and learn firsthand rather than straight from a book. Story by Emily Gelormino

"Mrs. Caswell has an interesting class. Every now and then she would let us work together, watch movies and watch videos. On most Mondays and Fridays all we did was free reading. We also held a lot of class discussions."

-Jamie Grimm, sophomore



"I'll keep running every night. Now I run five miles everyday with Mr. Donahue. I like it because it's relaxing and I like to do it. I'm good at it so I'll keep on doing it past high school."

-Matt Sinnwell, '97

"When I am working busily in the office years from now, I'll think back to my high school days and think 'Gee, I need to play some badmitton.'"

-Tim Halling, '96

"Gym will help me later in life by giving me a credit so I can pass high school and go on to college."

-Sarah Schoper, '95

"I will probably continue to exercise because I care about my health. I can't go dying on my children when I'm 35."

-Lara Newsom, '94

In order to calculate her target heart rate, freshman Veronica Walker locates her pulse to use the formula provided by the Iowa National Guard. This was the first step of circuit training, an eight hour workout.

A five-minute jog followed the exercises. Students then checked their pulses again to see how hard their bodies were working. The two-week unit was a required part of each PE class. photo by Sarah Hamilton



To swish the three, junior Jon Gustason carefully takes aim behind the three-point line. Although many units changed basketball was one that remained the same. Volleyball and basketball were joint activities that shared the gym period time slot. photo by Jennifer Jones

Senior Katherine Wright takes time out of line dancing to find the right song. Country line dancing was one of the activities offered first semester. The dances included the "Tush Push," "Reggae Cowboy," and "Achy Breaky Heart." photo by Sarah Campbell



EXERCISE & CHANGE

grasshoppers and the tush push

The PE program changed its format.
Spread by Sarah Hamilton and Jennifer Jones

"Shimmy to the right, shimmy to the left." Those words could be heard drifting out the wrestling room as the country line dancer wannabes tried their luck learning the "Reggae Cowboy." Shuffling to twangy music was part of the new physical education program. Sophomore Monica Wiig said, "I was so excited when our gym teachers decided to do a unit on country line dancing, because it's always been a dream of mine ever since I was a little girl to become a country line dancer."

Line dancing wasn't the only unit added to the gym program. New activities ranged from archery to rollerblading. "Frisbie was my favorite activity," said freshman Kelli Wong. "You could throw the frisbee at someone you didn't like and hit them. Then you could say 'Oops, sorry,' and they would think it was just an accident."

A unit many athletes took to their advantage was weightlifting. Freshman Josh Fausch said, "Having weightlifting as part of gym class really helped me out because I got extra training in for the football season." Another type of training students participated in was circuit training. Introduced by the Iowa National Guard, the workout consisted of eight stations. Students rotated through demonstrating a variety of exercises such as pushups, grasshoppers and jogging.

Most students appreciated the variety of activities. "It gave you a choice of what you wanted to do. You weren't just stuck doing something stupid," said junior Andy Johnston.

Whether they were shooting arrows at Mr. Beason or sweating with Richard Simmons to the oldies, the new physical education program allowed students to sample a wide variety of activities. **Story by Sarah Hamilton**

"Ahh ... I can see myself now, pounding down the track, Mrs. Walk screaming at me to hurry up. But as I pass her (finishing my last mile) I decide to run another, just for fun. Because by golly, I circuit trained and now I'm strong!"

-Shon Olson, sophomore



"When I grow up I want to be a marine biologist. Through my science class I am learning how to classify animals and plants of the ocean."

-Jenny Davis, '97

"Being in biology has made me want to be involved with occupational therapy and to help kids with Down's syndrome."

-Krissy Toms, '96

"I want to be a physical therapist because I like to help people and I'd like to work with the body."

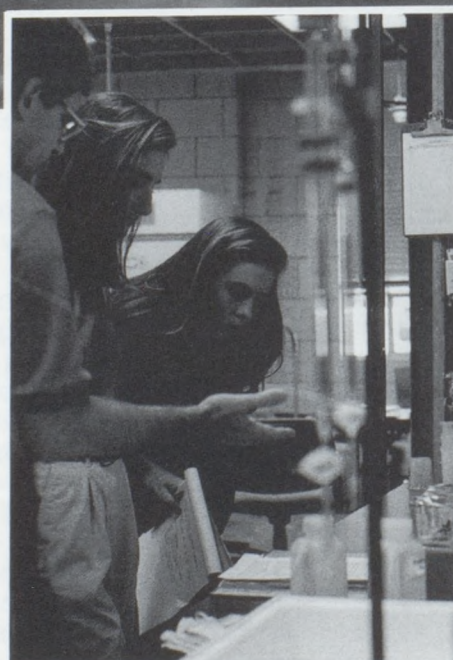
Biology has helped me make this decision."

-Shannon Hildreth, '95

"For as long as I can remember I've wanted to be a doctor. Science is really helping me by expanding my knowledge, which will hopefully enable me to pursue my dream."

-Bethany Sather, '94

Junior Marisa Baumgarn soothes a minor burn during an Honors Chemistry lab. This lab required students to create chemical reactions and write equations for them. Students were able to choose between Honors Chemistry or Chem Com, a general chemistry course. photo by Heidi Zeiger



During a tour of the Des Moines Waterworks, seniors Nicole Buban and Shannon Smith appear interested as a chemical biologist describes some water treatment procedures. The girls took a video of their plant tour for an A.P. Biology project on ecology. photo Heidi Zeiger

Participating in a lab for Mr. Briggs' physical science class, freshman Sean Flannery selects an unknown element. The students were expected to identify these elements by the color of the flame it produced when put into a fire. photo by Kris Tedesco



ZZING FINGERS

cool condoms and hot pennies

Labs help students understand the meaning of science. Spread by Shannon Smith and Kris Tedesco

Today we will be completing a lab. You will have this class period to finish the assignment. A written lab report will be expected tomorrow. You may begin.

Purpose: According to sophomore Matt Anderson, "The purpose of science is to learn more about the body's genetic information." Mr. Frisch, chemistry and physical science teacher, had another definition: "To be able to use your knowledge to build on the technology and make our society better."

Procedure: Some took an eclectic approach to presenting material. "In freshman science, we do labs, take notes, and on tests we get a 3x5 notecard for any information we want," said freshman Nate Slauson. Senior Spencer Parsons said of physics, "I thought I was done with burnt fingers after chemistry, but the rope burns from our pulley lab gave me nightmares for weeks."

Data: Students had mixed emotions about Mr. Partington's classes. "I don't understand anything in chemistry. Partington is a good teacher, but the book we use is senseless," said junior Jenny Bell. Classmate junior J.P. Clark described how Partington tried to relate chemistry to everyday life: "He told us, 'Don't keep your condoms near a warm engine because of oxidation.' Well, now, instead of keeping them duct-taped to the engine, I'll keep them in the glove compartment with a fan." Senior Riley Phipps remembered Partington in physics, "He had his own way of threatening to send a low slip. He'd say, 'You'd better straighten up or you'll get a Christmas card.'"

Questions: What's the best thing about science? Junior Jeff Backstrom said, "I liked the chemistry lab where we put a metal into the fire and it made it look like gold, because I like gold. We also got to play with fire, and I like fire, too."

Conclusion: Despite the complaints, most students admitted they had learned something from their science classes, whether it was how to soothe a burned finger, how to turn pennies into gold, or where to keep their condoms. **Story by Shannon Smith and Kris Tedesco**

"The funniest part of biology was listening to the guys ask questions about sex. They don't understand how the female things work. You wouldn't believe some of the things they said. All the girls were dying laughing."

-Shannon Fisher, sophomore



"I have learned a lot about art in general, not just one thing. I learned how to criticize other art forms. I have learned how to wedge, make clay leather hard and form it all together. That has been the most interesting project we have done. I really enjoyed it and I may take more classes that work with clay because of it."

-Monty Rutledge, '97

"It's made me more open minded toward different kinds of ideas and different kinds of art. I think if you're more open minded you can get along with people a lot better."

-Katie Jacobsen, '96

"I plan to have a career in some area of art, probably graphic design. Mr. Weiss makes you think about things you wouldn't normally think about and take them seriously. That is a life skill I will use."

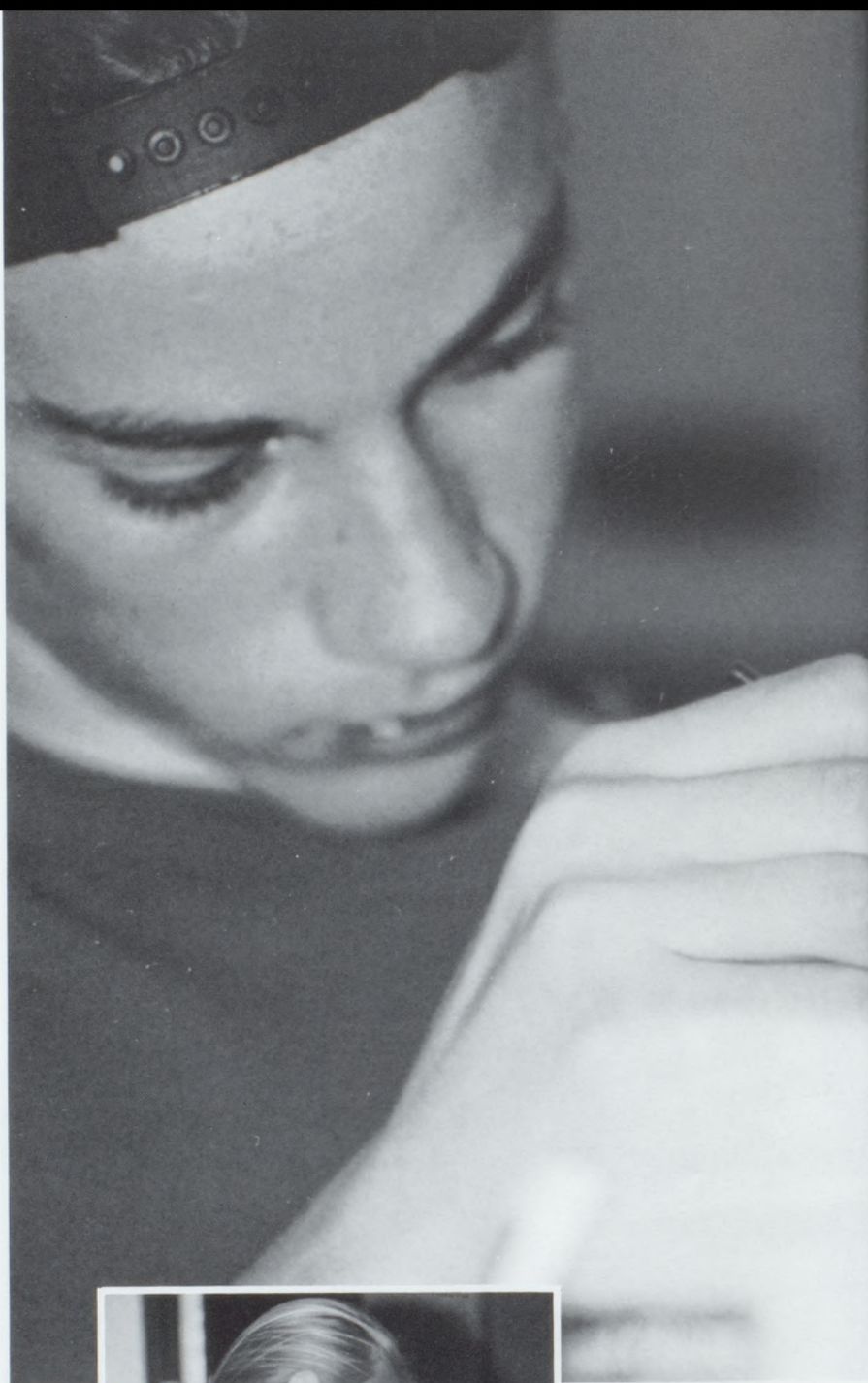
-Megan Franck, '95

"My independent study was a chance to push myself and to make my own decisions, something needed in life. I learned a lot about myself and what I can achieve."

-Jaime Woodward, '94

Essentials of Art student freshman Robb Rice concentrates on the careful application of his chosen glaze. Rice's assignment was to create a clay vessel that represented his life and person. Glaze application was a crucial part of the clay body's creation. The glaze served as a decoration, a water-proofing agent and provided the element of durability to provide protection for the form.

photo by
Heidi
Zeiger



As part of her preparation to paint a human model, senior Gwen Oulman applies gesso to her canvas. Oulman was a Painting student and held an exhibition of her work in the art room in April. photo by Heidi Zeiger

Art educator Daniel Weiss shows the differences in slips to an Essentials of Art class. Slips were used to create different textures to clay glazes. The instruction occurred during the class' clay unit in early spring. photo by Heidi Zeiger



REDUCING LANGUAGE

remembering and forgetting

Visual arts students brought forth a new fluency to express what they knew. Spread by Kim Ruisch

"A teacher knows that people can be impressed by anything. An educator knows that people can express anything." -Weiss

Holding to this philosophy, art instructor Daniel Weiss endeavored to educe from his students the language he believed they knew but had not expressed—the language of visual arts.

"My curriculum is a response to the inability of people to be critical, creative and expressive," said Weiss. "Young people are taught only to be impressed, not expressed." At times having to forget what had impressed them, many visual arts students worked at becoming fluent in their expressive language.

All classes explored the procedure of criticism. Showing one's creation could be very revealing and intimidating, but most students felt they benefited from the critiques. Said Essentials of Art student freshman Jose Tovar, "I've learned to be a better critic, to have a more open mind about everything." Essentials students criticized each other's work as well as individually selected pieces at the Des Moines Art Center.

Although accompanied by student teacher Julie Brown for a quarter, Weiss was the only faculty member of the art department and instructed seven visual arts classes. After fulfilling the prerequisites, students had an opportunity to take Advanced Art Studies/Portfolio which required the student to develop his/her curriculum and aided in the development of a portfolio.

The creation of an original art form inevitably resulted in an exploration of oneself as a human. Junior Andrea Haag said, "I've learned a lot of technical things, but much of what I've learned is spiritual. Working with clay is a sensual experience. It makes you aware of being a person and how to create."

At a time when learning to speak with the visual language was becoming obsolete in their surrounding society, art students strived to perfect that which they had neglected, overlooked or even forgotten. Story by Kim Ruisch

"I would recommend taking an art class to anyone. I've found out that art is very therapeutic, and Mr. Weiss always has a valuable lesson to teach."



-Eric Johnson, senior

There are some American colleges in Paris for fine arts and things like that. It's kind of a possibility that I might do that. Also I like to travel and I want to go to France so it would come in handy then. Some of my cousins are living there now and if my family wanted to move there knowing French would help.

- Emily Brown, '97

I'm helping to move to Canada. There's a lot of French speaking people there so I thought it'd help to know it.

- Joel Noble, '96

In ten years I believe the majority of Americans will be Hispanic-Americans. So if they can't speak English I can speak Spanish to them.

- Nick Notis, '95

If I ever open a 7-Eleven in Florida I'll use my Spanish to communicate with customers.

Also if I meet a soccer player and he speaks Spanish, we'll get along well.

- Angie Claus, '94

Freshman Christine Notis gazes out of her hotel room in Sevilla, Spain.

The students spent two days in Sevilla.

Notis was one of five students who with Spanish teacher Mrs.

Rash traveled to Spain over spring break.

They spent ten days in Spain sight-seeing, speaking Spanish and learning the culture.

photo by Angie Claus



Junior Alex Jeffries scales a giant wall while waiting to get into the basilica in Le Puy, France. Jeffries and fourteen other students and French teachers Mrs. Moermond and Mrs. Andrews toured France for seven days. photo by Jennifer Jones

Seniors Angle Claus, Marcy Benton, junior Heidi Wych, freshman Christine Notis and three other students from the U.S. feed the pigeons at the Plaza Mayor in Madrid, Spain. photo by Joyce Rash



Speaking Language

students and teachers travel

Climbing walls in Le Puy, France, and feeding pigeons in the Plaza Mayor, Madrid, award students with culture. Spread by Ross Anderson

¿Habla español? Est-ce que vous parlez français? Phrases like these were commonly heard in the classroom at JHS. Many students chose French or Spanish as one of their elective classes. Students were able to use their foreign language knowledge in the real world when they traveled to France and Spain.

Fifteen French students along with French teachers Mrs. Mary Moermond and Mrs. Tamara Andrews traveled to France for spring break. Their first weekend the students stayed with their host family, and during the week they regrouped to tour France together. "The students learned more about French culture in one week than I could have taught them in one year," said Moermond.

The French students weren't the only ones to travel abroad. Mrs. Joyce Rash and five Spanish students traveled to Spain for spring break. Freshman Christine Notis remembered her favorite part of the trip. "I'll never forget the great discos of Spain. The best one was in Granada. We danced until 4:00 in the morning."

Back in the States and in the classrooms on NW 62nd, students who didn't travel to Spain or France had Foreign Language Week to anticipate. The week was full of activities that ranged from learning another language for a class period to participating in a scavenger hunt. Spanish I freshman Shea Braune said, "I liked switching classes to learn French because it was a change from the usual schedule."

Another highlight for the Spanish II and Spanish III students was Mrs. Marty Pierce's pregnancy. "Eunice and/or Enos will probably start talking Spanish before English after hearing it all year in Spanish II and III," said Pierce.

When it came to learning Spanish or French, students were given great opportunities to learn and to speak their foreign language. "My trip to France was a great learning experience. It was a once in a lifetime chance for me, and I took full advantage of it," said senior Lara Newsom. Story by Ross Anderson

"My host family took me skiing in the French Alps, l' Alpe d' Huez. It was only the third time I'd skied. They really got a kick out of me falling all of the time. My host father caught it all on video-tape. They made me a copy so I'll always be able to watch it and remember my week in France."

-Jennifer Jones, junior



"With both my parents working I know how hard it is to come home after a busy day of work and cook dinner. When I am in the working field I want to be able to come home and cook an easy, delicious dinner in a short amount of time. Foods class has taught me recipes that will enable me to do that."

- Jenna Logan, '97

"I plan to go into an engineering or architectural career. The industrial arts classes I have taken in high school will give me a broader view of what to expect in the field."

- Rhiannon Thoreson, '96

"I have become more nutritionally well-rounded since taking Foods. Now I can cook for myself and won't have to depend on my wife to cook me meals."

- Jeff Fisher, '95

"Drafting class has helped me understand what goes into designing a house and it's floor plans. When I go to buy a house I now will know exactly what to expect and look for."

- Jamie Hawkins, '94

Advanced Metals student and senior Eric Johnson welds the joint of a pitching protector, while fellow classmate senior Zach Meyers checks to make sure the corner is square.

The pitching protectors were used in the batting cages at the Johnston Little League ball park. The purpose of these protectors was to prevent a pitcher from getting injured while in the batting cages during batting practice. photo by Mark Stookey



Participating in a demonstration sponsored by Tones Spices, sophomore Kasi Billbrey carefully stirs tomato sauce into hamburger browning over a hot stove. Foods class taught students how to prepare healthy meals in a reasonable amount of time. photo by Sarah Hamilton



Sophomore Krissy Toms leans over giving her assistance in puppet making to a young visitor from Village Square Daycare. Students in Child Development interacted with children throughout the year in order to understand the material covered in class. photo by Danielle Carroll



S PARKLING KIDS

couples and computers

Home economics performed weddings while industrial arts studied technology. Each was preparing for the future. Spread by Sarah Hamilton and Mark Stookey

"Through Child Development I have a better understanding for the things my little brother Jordan does.

I respect my parents a lot more now. I also have thought twice about becoming a parent."

- Jaqlyn Collier, '96



The music began to play and the groom escorted the bride toward the altar. The bridesmaids, best man, groomsmen and minister waited anxiously at the end of the aisle.

This wedding scene was acted out in the high school library by members of home economics class. The mock wedding was performed to give students an idea of being married and the life that follows. It was also used to teach students how to get along with their spouse and how to deal with everyday problems. "This project gives students who aren't good at pencil and paper things a chance to shine," said home economics teacher Mrs. Lauen.

"This semester I learned a lot about daily living and what it takes to make a marriage run smoothly," said sophomore Kendra Mills. "You have to give and take. It is kind of like a seesaw. If one person doesn't do their part than the other one is left hanging."

Through technology and computers, students in industrial arts classes learned how to make detailed drawings of car engines and architectural floor plans. Industrial arts also taught students about repairing things that would come in handy when working around the house or at work.

The future held many opportunities and learning how to work together was one of the biggest steps. No longer were the traditional roles of women keeping house and men fixing cars expected. "I feel that the only way to really go is to allow equal responsibility in the work force and at home," said freshman Luke Peterson. "We need to get past the sexes battle and look at the whole picture." Working together and sharing knowledge in a variety of fields was exactly why one might have seen a cooking king and welding queen teaching their children to draw pictures on the computer. **Story by Sarah Hamilton and Mark Stookey**

"Since I want to be an architect I will need to know how to divide fractions and all that stuff."
- Ryan Crab, '97

"I will use math to be able to balance my checkbook so I know when to ask Mommy for more money."
- Courtney Johnson, '96

"I plan on being an accountant when I'm older. I'll use my math skills I learned to record financial records for businesses."
- Courtney Lester, '95

"In biomedical engineering, I'll have to use math in working with the computers to make things like kneecaps."
- Ryan Guttridge, '94

Determined to improve her score from previous years, senior Dawn Liekweg diligently tries her luck at the National High School Mathematics Exam. The exam was offered to all math students on Thursday, March 3.
photo by Heidi Johns



Hanging their ornaments on the Geome-Tree, sophomores Kristy Wilges and Casey Coleman choose a place towards the front where everyone can see their creations. Students in Mrs. Van Farowe's geometry classes spent a day transforming flat pieces of styrofoam into inventive, geometric shapes. photo by Heidi Johns

Junior Jennifer Gray learns a lesson about hyperbolas before school with the aid of Analytical Geometry teacher Garry Auxler. Auxler offered his help to students who planned to be absent. photo by Heidi Johns



CREATIVE TACTICS

Christmas trees and student leaders

Math teachers try different approaches to teaching to get students involved. Spread by Heidi Johns and Danielle Carroll

Donald Duck, styrofoam, student leaders and lectures all found a useful purpose in math classes. While some teachers stuck to the traditional lecture format, others tried a different approach to interest their students. Geometry teacher Mrs. Van Farowe tried to get her students involved by showing videos that featured Donald Duck, giving homework passes for dressing geometrically, and having students make ornaments for the Geome-Tree.

Mrs. Book's Algebra I and II classes also got a taste of something different. Book broke her students into groups of three. Assigned to each group was a student leader who, after a short lecture by Book, was the teacher. Junior Dax Landeen said, "I think they are excellent for our learning environment. Kids work better when they're with their friends and you get to know people."

Not all the students thought that was a beneficial experience. Sophomore Jodi Hill said, "It puts more responsibility on some students. Being in the leadership role, I don't think I'm learning as much as I could otherwise because I'm concentrating more on helping others rather than what I need to be learning."

Garry Auxier chose to follow more traditional methods of teaching in his classes. Each day the class would check yesterday's paper, go over any questions, receive a lecture from Auxier presenting a new topic, and get that day's assignment.

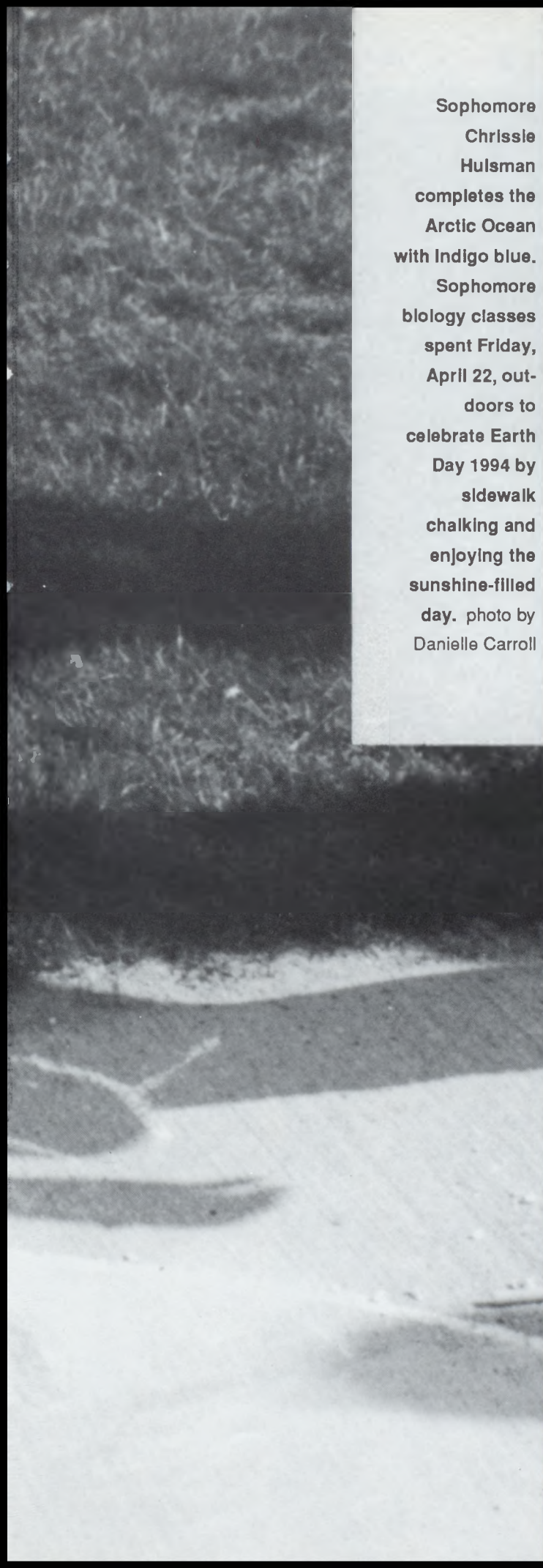
Every student reacted a different way to each style of teaching. Whether they were taught by the customary or alternative methods math students received a better understanding of math. Story by Danielle Carroll and Heidi Johns

"One day these kids in my pre-algebra class were making obscene noises. Mr. Gross got really upset and then heaved a desk towards the wall. It definitely shut everyone up."

-Dan Brown, freshman







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sunshine-filled
day. photo by
Danielle Carroll

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camp • you sang your heart out • you pondered

racism, objectivity and the meaning of existence

• you heard hot rod engines roar • you learned

how to blade • you rhythmically banged sticks

to surface • you earned a free education • you

fed a hungry mouth and a sick mind • you

journeyed to and from mexico, japan, switzerland,

and brazil • you smiled reluctantly • you were in

constant motion

CHILDREN LEARN safety

Spread by Sarah Hamilton and Shannon Smith

"We're the Safety Kids, the Safety Kids the Safety Kids keepin' the rules." After having heard the theme song to Safety Kids, hands flew in the air and the voices raised questions such as "Um, um can I be a Safety Kid?" Or "My mom told me that if you eat too much candy, you get drunk. Can that really happen?"

Dani Doak recalled one incident, "We were at Saydel Elementary, and one little boy in the front row raised his hand and said, 'What if a drug dealer

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into your yard and asks you to do drugs and three years later you find out it isn't true. Then five years later you find out it was true. Then what do you do?' It was so hard to keep a straight face after that."

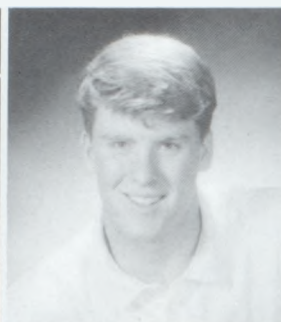
For the last three years seven senior girls have traveled around the metro area answering questions and presenting the message that it is "smart to stay straight." Sponsor and biology teacher Mary Ann Morris said, "Safety Kids is a drug-free motivational program that teaches children to stay away from drugs and alcohol through catchy songs and simple dialogue."

Commitment was a must for all those involved in the group. Each member had to practice what they preached. Kim Ruisch said, "We had a tremendous responsibility in remembering the weight of our words."

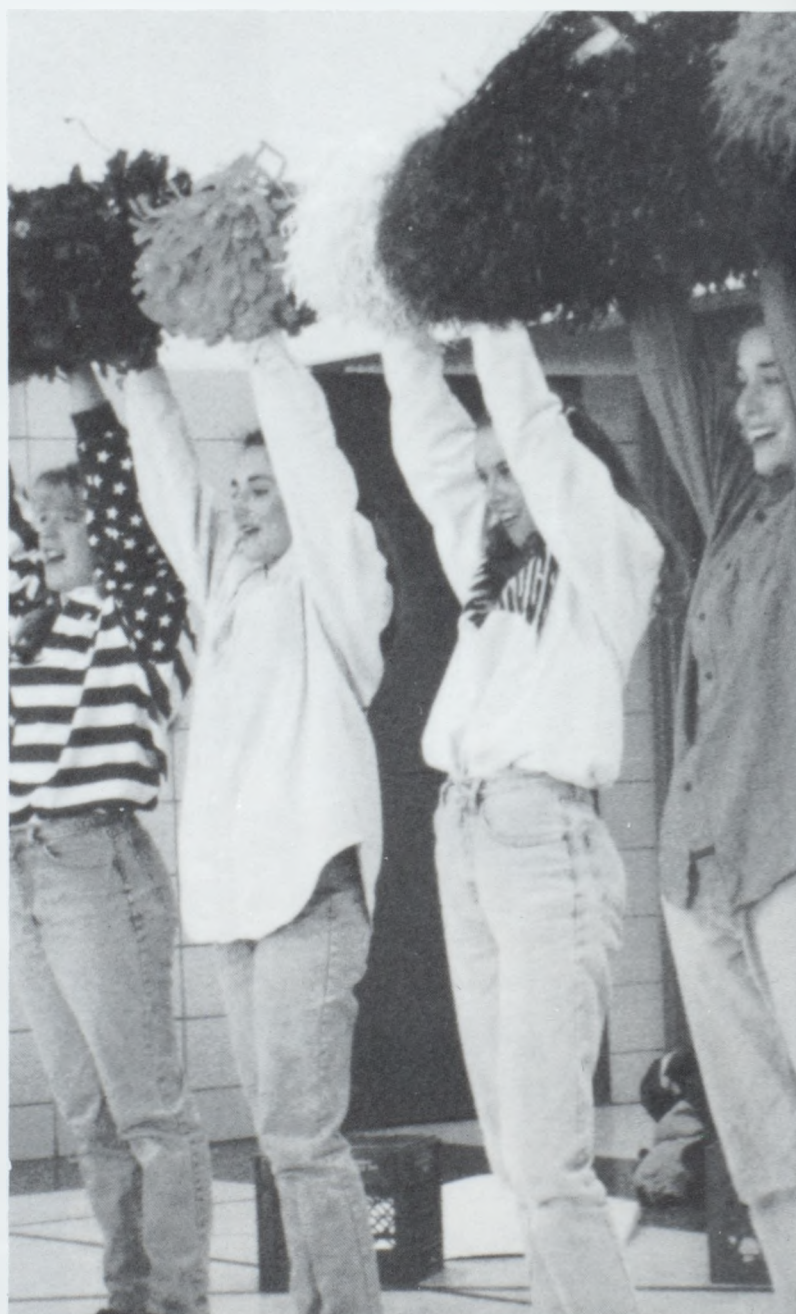
The song "Everyone Needs Someone to Feel Loved" played as the Safety Kids squeezed the hands of kindergarten,

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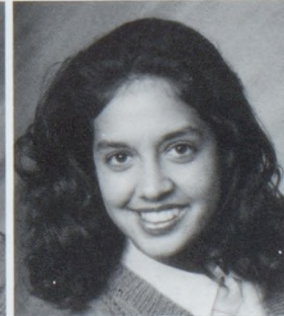
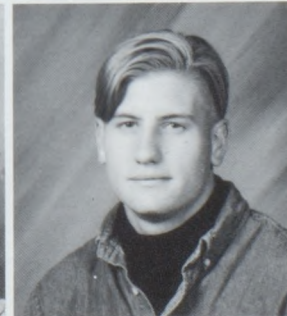
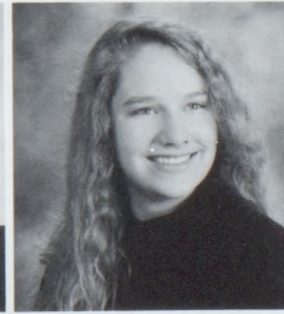
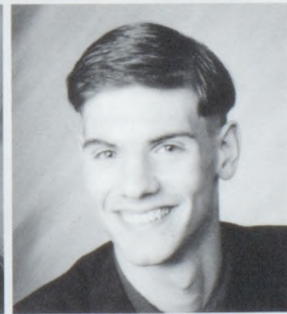
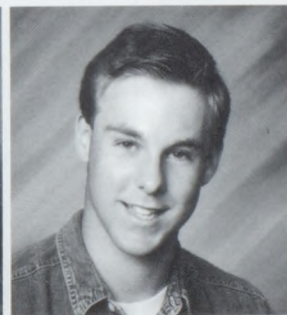
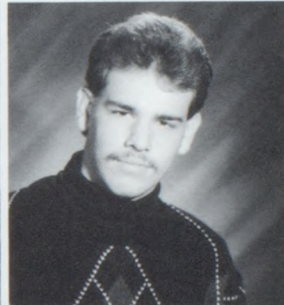
and second graders. The children's eyes lit up, and as the song came to an end they headed back towards the sea of children and found their seats. Story by Shannon Smith and Sarah Hamilton



Performing with their pom pons to the song "Go For A Natural High," seniors Kim Ruisch, Heidi Zeiger, Shannon Smith, Nicole Buban and Jami Kennel tell the children of Wallace Elementary how to "get their highs naturally, not chemically." That was Safety Kid Rule Number One. Four others taught the kids how to say "no." photo by Jay Rice



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Ross Donald Anderson
Candice Nicole Anstaett
Tamara Beth Babcock
Christopher Tobias Baker
Erich Lee Baker
Nicole Melinda Baldwin

Craig M. Ball
Kara Anne Barney
Brandon Robert Beck
Jason Russell Benbow
Marcy Ann Benton
Amy Kristina Bidney
Robert E. Blanchard

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Amanda Jo Brannan

Melinda Ann Brasch
Jason Richard Brown
Nikki Jolene Brown

Nicole Lyn Buban
David Arthur Bullock
Sarah Elizabeth Campbell

Jera Kalynda Cantrell
Jason Paul Capps
Amanda Joy Carothers

OBNOXIOUS, BUZZING coffeehouses

Spread by Jill Foley and Emily Gelormino

Smoke-saturated air filled cilia and one could only begin to imagine the deep, black abyss of tar which stuck as if it had no other home. If Bonnie Campbell surveyed Des Moines' coffeehouses, surely they would be condemned for the uncleanness lurking in the welkin.

The environment did, however, provide a wealth of coffee and other fine dining duds as well as exceptional entertainment. Rich, sable beans were smushed by the brewers and out came the potion to

mesmerize

late-night humdingers. Humans from all around Iowa, including JHS students, congregated for good drink and music at Freidrick's, Zanzibar's and the ever-famous Java Joe's. Perkin's, with a freshly purchased sign and message board, was abode to numerous Joe-goers on week-nights when the drive to Court Avenue was seemingly tiresome.

Activities within included devouring chocolate covered biscuits, playing squander games such as cards, chess and 'head bunting,' and filling ears with sweet sounds. "Each time at Joe's is a new adventure," said junior John Davis, one tile in the 'cwaiffehouse' mosaic. "I hear neat live music, play chess and have an Italian soda on ice...a groovy hang-out."

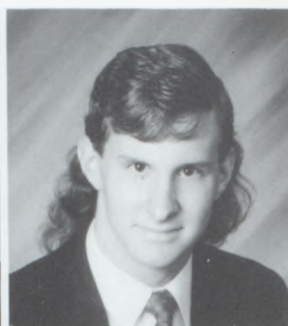
Though most bistros were without live crowd dazzlers, some artists journeyed from across the United States to perform at Joe's. Tunes encompassed blues, alternative, jazz and folk. "Accoustical music is definitely my favorite," said senior javaman Ross Anderson. "Dev Singh, who played some of the most far-out instruments I've ever seen, was incredible at Java Joe's. Everytime I listen to his music I wonder how anyone could make such magical sounds on a tool resembling a bow and arrow."

Less exotic than Singh, or maybe more, senior musician Laura Watral executed her keyboard skills to the astonished, caffeine-buzzing eyes of the

conglomeration

"My experience at Java Joe's was a most nerve-racking time," said Watral. "But of course I was excited to perform in front of real people. I think they enjoyed it, too."

Story by Jill Foley



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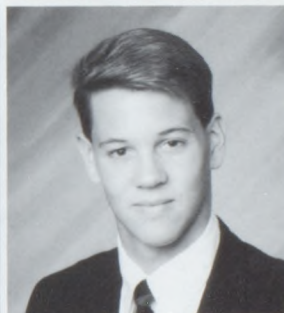




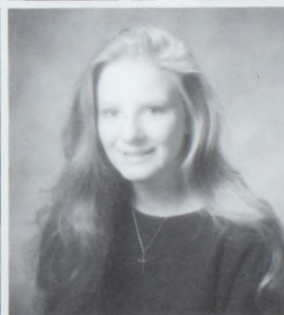
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Danielle Kathleen Doak
Iona Blossom Doster
Scott Allan Ebke



Mark Nathan Elliott
Daniel Reed Flannery
Channon Brooke Foley



Jill Christine Foley
Amie Marie Ford
Carrie Lea Fowler



Shanna Marie Galloway
Christopher Ryon Garmon
T. Mark Gay



Holly Marie Golightly
Misty Lee Graham
Brian Richard Green

WORKING TO create

Spread by Kim Ruisch and Jason Benbow

Leaving the security of their silence, nine members of the human race sat together. They had congregated to discover and confirm their purpose as a group of individuals committing time and work to the expression of ideas through words and images. Senior Christopher Sayers suggested the individual and group goal of the newly formed literary magazine should be to become prolific; to bombard their worlds with varied forms of expression; to discipline themselves to produce as much of their work as possible in order to more effectively convey thought and ideas.

The magazine staff members were open to all forms of expression among themselves and others in the student body. Contributions of visual art, photography and writing were submitted for publication.

Staff member and senior Jill Foley felt her experience on literary magazine had taught her "a great deal about communication." She told of the staff's regular meetings during eighth hour where they would discuss each other's work and contribute criticism. "I feel like I know the reasons behind my writings and drawings," said Foley. "I feel I can express my ideas better, that I've increased

a realm

of expression." Freshman Adam Tetzloff also felt he learned about his own writing skills. "I learned a lot about the stylistic level of writing, such as sound and rhythm of writing," said Tetzloff.

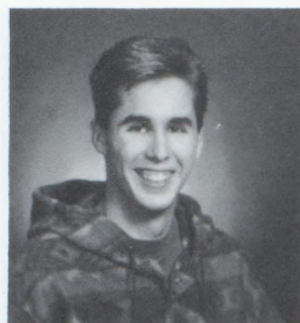
At the start of the class, staff members developed individual curricula and set standards for the amount of writing they wanted to personally produce. It was also decided the group would publish the magazine every two weeks for all of second semester.

Although considered the staff's advisor, educator Daniel Weiss had minimal participation in the magazine's publication. Weiss' obligation to a study hall held eighth hour limited his ability to provide input although his advice and help were welcomed.

The staff worked to form a group publication while preserving the individual. Striving to produce a quality piece of literature and learn about themselves and their world surrounding, staff members of the literary magazine worked toward their goal of becoming prolific and in the process left a legacy

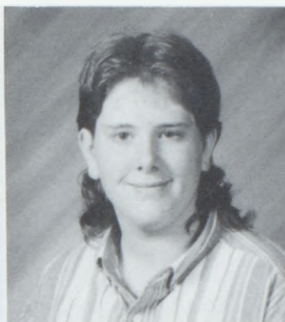
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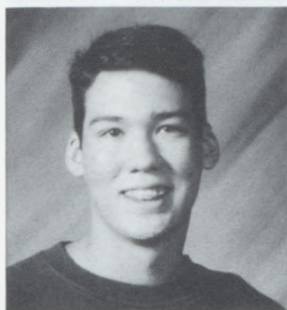


Senior Jill Foley pastes-up an ink drawing she drew for the upcoming issue of literary magazine. Foley's personal contributions to the publication included a plethora of works such as poems, prints and drawings. Foley initiated the development of literary magazine. The students published a total of eight issues throughout second semester. photo by Heidi Zeiger





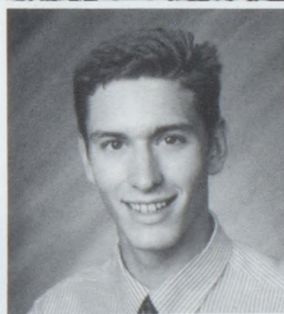
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Teresa Anne Lane
Dawn Marie Lickweg
Thomas Jeffery Logan



Christian Madorin
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SMILING AT THE PHOTOGRAPHER patiently

Spread by Heidi Zeiger

The freshly ironed shirts and slacks hung carefully in the closet. Matching jewelry, hats and other accessories were set out so as not to be forgotten. Everything was ready to make things go smoothly for senior pictures the next day. Students woke up early the next morning in anticipation of an event that shaped how they would be remembered for the rest of their lives. Hair and make-up were carefully put into place, and students dressed in their favorite outfits headed to studios to begin the experience.

After all of this careful preparation the fancy cameras started

clicking

but things did not go as expected for everyone. "I had a purple velvet dress, and when I put it on I bent over to put my hair up, and it ripped all the way up the back," said Kara Barney. "Danny (of Photography by Danny) said he wouldn't look and I had to walk around backwards. We took the pictures anyway and it turned out to be one of my favorite ones."

Some students who were able to make it past the dressing room had other problems. "The photographer had me seated on a stool, leaning really far forward, with my shoulders turned and my chin tilted," said Marcy Benton. "Right before he was going to take the picture I slid off the stool and fell right on my butt."

For more variety photographers used a variety of backdrops. Some students chose to have a few shots taken outdoors instead of in the studio. "I got my pictures taken at a park and there were all these college students standing around and watching. The photographer had to keep yelling at them to get out of the way because they would be in the picture," said Christine Sable.

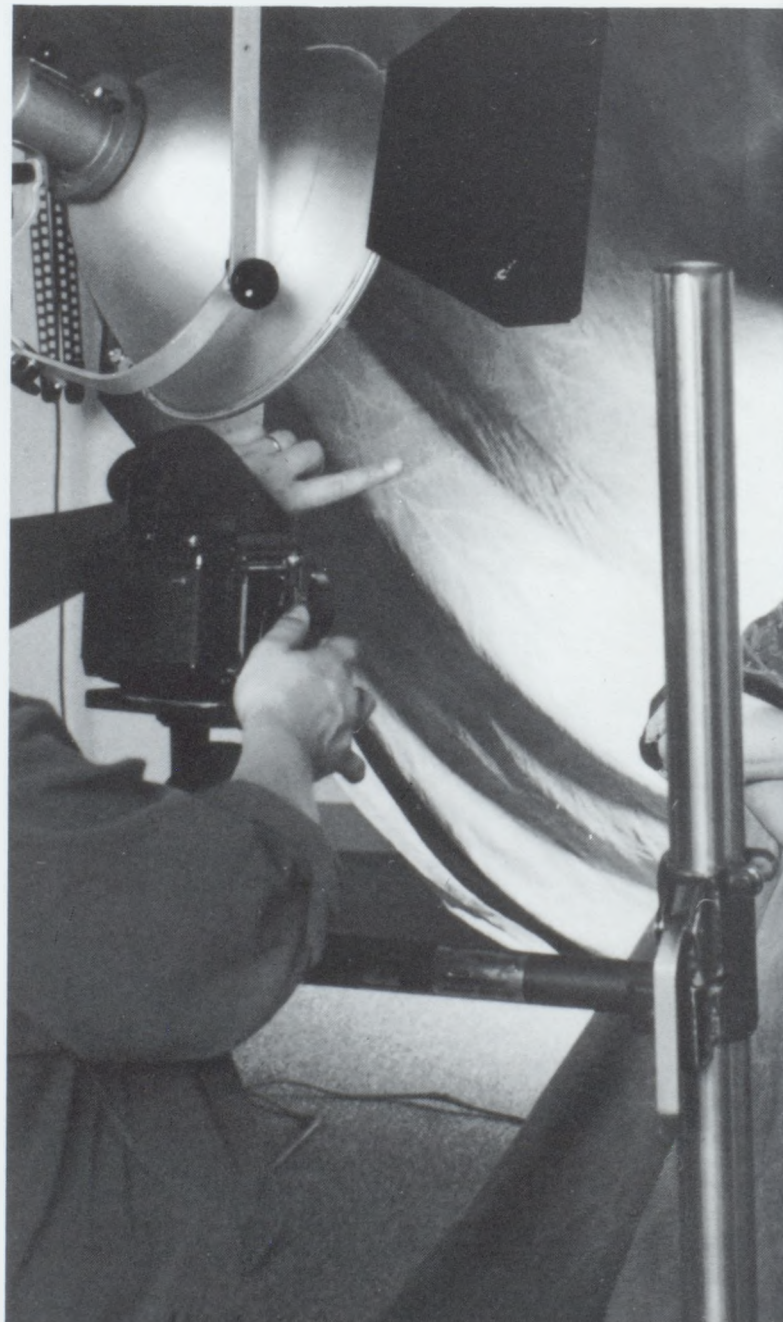
After finding just the right outfit and several patient hours of sitting in twisted positions, students created many memories and

pictures

to distribute among friends and relatives. Most seniors ended up with three to six poses from which to choose, and the images they selected to represent themselves were worth more than a thousand words. Story by Jennifer Jones

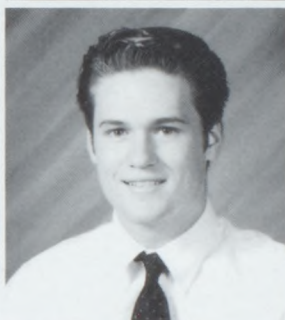


Senior Toby Baker poses as the Jolesch photographer patiently clicks pictures. Baker had a variety of outfits, ranging from his leather Harley Davidson coat to his JHS letter jacket. Jolesch provided different backdrops and special lighting to create unique effects for which their senior subject was looking. Some students had their pictures taken with friends, cars, pets and lovers. photo by Heidi Zeiger

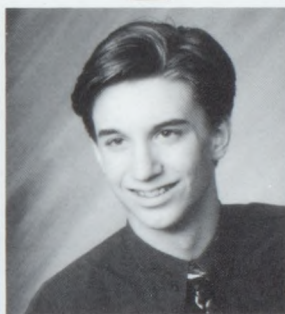




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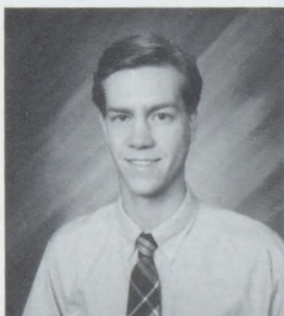
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TIME SPENT writing

Spread by Danielle Carroll and Tara Guttridge

Writing one's name and address was just the beginning of filling out a college application. Time was spent not only filling out the application but preparing for college. College preparation usually started with receiving college mail. Grady Tibboel said, "If you stacked all my college mail up it would be about 1 1/2 feet tall. I receive tons and tons of mail which gets annoying. I've opened up less than half of the mail I've gotten."

The guidance office's duty was to be an influential factor in the college application process. However, not all seniors felt they fulfilled that duty. Nicole Buban said, "I haven't gotten much help from the guidance office. But Mr. Doudna did write some good letters of recommendation for me. If I needed help I had to go to them."

The guidance counselors attempted to guide the students through the process rather than do it for them. Guidance counselor Iris Scott said, "The guidance office is always busy with the constant flow of people coming in and out to get college information." Students could receive books, videos and scholarship information for their chosen schools. The guidance office received around 150 different scholarships from various colleges. These scholarships were available to all students who were willing to put in

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for consideration.

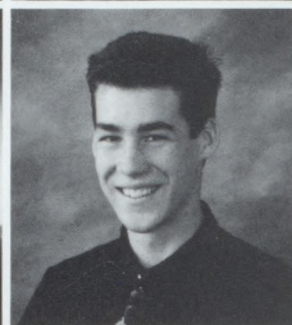
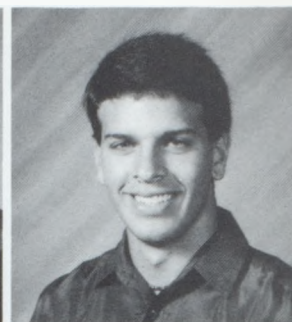
Andy Offenburger went through many of the common application processes. Offenburger said, "First semester I'd work on that college application crap from 10:00 to 12:00 or so at night. I applied to five colleges and ten scholarships. I got sick of filling in my name and address and writing those cheesy essays. I don't care about those questions. I care about getting into college."

Some students did as little as sending in a short application. Dani Doak said, "I applied to Iowa State. I have two sisters already going there, so I was pretty much in before I filled out the application."

College bound students had a variety of experiences, and different amounts of effort and thought were put into their college acceptance. However, most became proficient in producing essays and regurgitating their names and social security numbers

1,000 times.

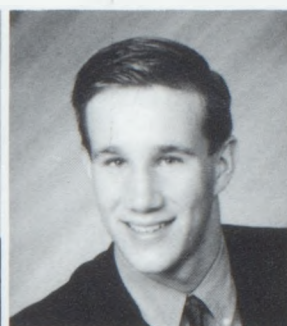
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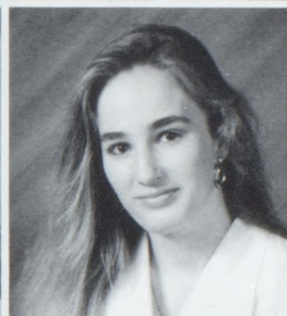
Taking part in the college application process, senior Marcy Benton browses through an ACT booklet. The ACT was a first step taken in applying for college. Most state universities required a composite score of 18 for acceptance. Benton planned to attend UNI the next fall, majoring in Spanish. She also hoped to study abroad in Spain.
photo by Tara Guttridge



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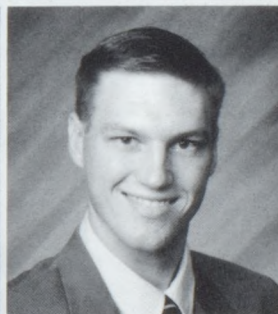
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SENIORS OPT TO work

Spread by Steve Ring and Mark Stookey

Work was a big part of everyone's life. The necessity of money had become more and more evident in teenage society. Seniors were faced with the choice to spend money attending a college or earn money working a full-time job.

Every year Johnston produced a handful of students that used their diplomas to begin their working careers. These careers ranged from those of auto mechanics to librarians.

"I would like to take auto mechanic courses at DMACC (Des Moines Area Community College)," said senior Shannon Pecinovsky. Pecinovsky planned to work

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Stew Hansen's Dodge City as a junior mechanic after graduation. "I feel this will help enable me to work my way up the ladder of success," said Pecinovsky. In the future Pecinovsky planned to open his own auto mechanic shop and call it "SEP's Garage," referring to his initials.

Another student who planned to start her career right out of high school was Stefanie Harper. As Harper's senior classmates looked forward to gathering up books for college, she anticipated gathering up books as a librarian. Harper planned to work at the Johnston Public Library. "I've learned a lot about how the Johnston Public Library works and I would like to stick with it," said Harper. While working at the library Harper also wanted to attend classes at DMACC.

Another member of this group of seniors was Scot Whitlow. Whitlow worked as a volunteer fireman for the Johnston Fire Department during his junior and senior years. He planned to become employed at his family-owned construction company, Whitlow Drywall, after graduation. "Construction is what I've always done and what I'll always do," said Whitlow. Whitlow was also interested in attending a fireman's academy.

While a lot of seniors decided to further their studies by becoming freshmen once again, others were willing to familiarize themselves with the nine to five shift in a quest to make

money.

Story by Steve Ring and Mark Stookey



Reviewing the Dewey decimal system at the Johnston Public Library, senior Stefanie Harper checks to make sure that books have been put in their correct place on the shelf.

Harper planned to work here to earn money for college.

While working, Harper will be attending classes at the Des Moines Area Community College. photo by Mark Stookey

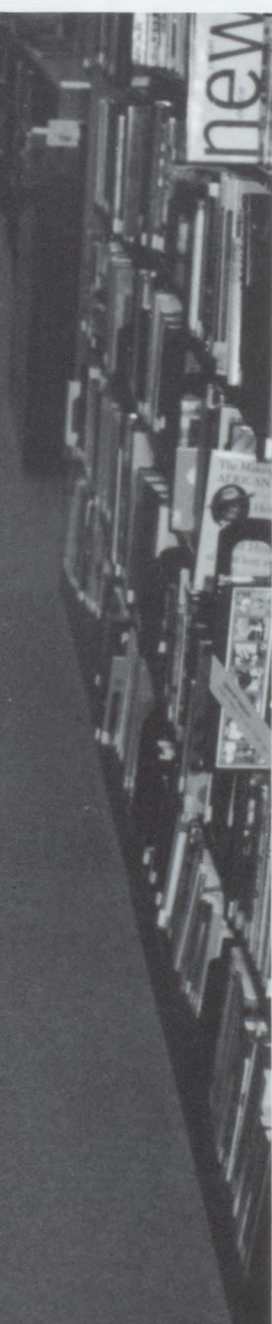




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Grady Alan Tibboel
Michelle Marie Todd
Kevin James Trees
Ian Christopher Wardow
Laura Michelle Watral



Sara Lyn Weaver
Nathan Lee Weeter
Scot A. Whitlow



Andrea Jean Willems
Jaime Donelle Woodward
Katherine Kay Wright



Jon Jeffery Yanders
Heidi Ann Zeiger
John Alan Zirkelbach

rocking the stands from the dragon's den

Spread by Heidi Johns

Sardined between two people and a mass of stands with his lips still burning from playing the last song, junior S.W. Winrich looked down over the mass of people in front of him to Mr. Albrecht for the signal of what song to play next. Albrecht held up six fingers causing a flurry of flipping folder pages. Winrich flipped his own pages to song number six, "Rockin' Robin," and prepared to start playing again.

Pep Band songs like "Rockin' Robin" were played fast, loudly and energetically. The same songs had been played year after year with hardly any new additions, but they were old favorites of the band. Senior Amy Martin said, "My favorite song is 'Louie, Louie.' In fact, it's the entire band's favorite. We don't even need music to play it because everybody's got it memorized."

The songs were easy; after one run-through most freshmen could play it as well as the rest of the band. Each of the songs were numbered to make it easy for Albrecht to call the songs. After a couple of years in Pep Band one started to remember the songs by number instead of by name.

Practices were held on mornings of the games. During rehearsals the band would work on perfecting the songs. Freshman Reeanna Larson said, "Mr. Albrecht tapes us sometimes during a game when we play. Then next time we practice we listen to ourselves and Mr. Albrecht tells us how to improve our playing."

One of the things Albrecht tried to teach the band was to how follow his tempo. Occasionally he would have to threaten to unleash the dreaded Dr. Beat on them if they didn't shape up. Dr. Beat was what the band had named the metronome Albrecht used to regulate the tempo of the band.

Although the students listened to Albrecht and followed his advice during the practice, it seemed to be easily forgotten in the excitement of blasting out the notes and dancing in the stands.

Story by Heidi Johns



Junior Beth Ann Nelson follows her music while playing her mellophone. Nelson and other French horn players played mellophones during Pep Band and marching band. The mellophones were easier to handle and produced a louder sound, but French horn players had to learn the trumpet fingering for the notes. photo by Heidi Johns



Standing at the back of the band in the Dragon's Den sophomore Shalon Clark plays "Devil with a Blue Dress On" on her trombone. Clark and many of the other band members purchased Pep Band shirts to wear when they played during the games. photo by Heidi Johns



Dennis Allers
Chris Anderson
Jeff Backstrom
Katy Bass
Sean Bates

Marisa Baumgarn
Jenny Bell
Michele Bell
Danna Berkenbosch
Regina Bess

Paula Biondi
Danny Bright
Randy Britson
Brenton Brown
Tyler Buitenwerf

Michelle Camden
Ryan Carter
Tom Caswell
Sarah Cattoor
Bill Causby

Bree Chambers
Josh Charter
Jay Christianson
J.P. Clark
Shea Clements

Nikki Conn
Julie Cottrell
Ryan Crowder
Blake Cruikshank
Brent Cutler

Chris Danner
John Davis
James Doyle
Tim Eblen
Todd Ferin

Lee Fillingsness
Jennifer Finney
Lindsey Fischer
Erin Fisher
Jeff Fisher

Becca Floren
Megan Franck
Amanda Gardner
Emily Gelormino
Tony Gentile

Rob Gilles

hanging on for your life

Spread by Ross Anderson and Jason Benbow

"Left face, extend to the left. March!" Each weekday at Hoover High School a ROTC drill instructor would cut through the silence of a morning and bark a cadence such as this. Students from Johnston, Hoover, Roosevelt and Urbandale attended classes that lasted from 0715 hrs to 0915 hrs, learning about the government and history of the United States, as well as map reading.

In addition to the standard ROTC class, there were many extracurricular activities in which students participated, including a rifle team, drill team, colorguard and the Raiders. Rifle team took up much of the cadets' time but was well worth it. In January they traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, where they placed fourth out of 26 teams. "The night before the competition we stayed up a little too late," said sophomore Brad Schonhorst. "If we would have gotten our sleep, we would have easily placed first."

The drill team practiced Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 6:00 a.m. They performed rifle movements, marched in formation and were in many competitions.

Another activity, the colorguard, performed at numerous athletic events in the surrounding area. "The most exciting colorguard I did was at a Drake basketball game," said senior Teresa Lane. "The Knapp Center was packed. I was scared because if I messed up, thousands of people would see me."

The most physically active group was the Raiders. They rappelled, ran through obstacle courses and shot M-16's at nearby Camp Dodge. Sophomore Staff Sergeant Shawn Ites said, "I thought shooting the M-16 would be hard at first, but I scored well on my first test. It's really loud and kicks about the same as a twelve gauge shotgun."

Whether it was attending the standard ROTC class or being involved with the extracurricular activities, the Johnston High School ROTC students agreed that the experience was worth it. Freshman Jeff Thompson said, "I love it. It is a great way to learn about the military and the government. The only drawback is the food." **Story by Ross Anderson and Jason Benbow**



Sophomore Shawn Ites talks with a parachute rigger (packer) at Camp Dodge. Ites was Staff Sergeant and rifle team captain. photo by Major Tom Sharratt



Sophomore Brad Schonhorst zips down Camp Dodge's forty-five foot rappelling tower during a basic training camp. Schonhorst was involved in rifle team, colorguard and the Raiders. photo by Major Tom Sharratt



Aaron Gilmore
Scott Good
Rachel Graaf
Stephanie Grant
Jennifer Gray

Bryan Greiner
Jon Gustason
Andrea Haag
Jenny Hall
Doug Hammond

Margaret Hanifen
Carri Hansen
Carey Hargens
De Ann Hart
Brad Hartschen

Jenn Heinen
Heather Heller
Libby Herrmann
Libby Hetherington
Ben Hicks

Shannon Hildreth
Angel Hillger
Molly Holub
Martin Horn
Aaron Hornback

Jamie Howard
Mark Howieson
Kim Huynh
Riley Iverson
Kourtne Ivey

Brian Jackson
Elaine Jarnagin
Alex Jeffries
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Bob Johnson

Andrew Johnston
Eric Jones
Jennifer Jones
Stephanie Jones
Megan Kalamaja

Beth Koch
Kelly Kohles
Susie Kuenkel
Dax Landeen
Mike Landis

Courtney Lester
Amy Lingenfelder
Megan Little
Lynzee Mallett
Jason Matkins

fat and cultured with doughnuts and jell-o

Spread by Emily Gelormino and Kim Ruisch

Senior and exchange student Marcella Madeiros had expected big things from her stay in the United States. So when Madeiros arrived from her home, Rio De Janiero, Brazil, she was quite surprised to find her preconceived notion about the people of America was false: not all of them were fat. Madeiros, along with three other exchange students who spent their year at Johnston, soon found herself adjusting to other new discoveries and experiences that made up her role as a foreign exchange student.

The subject of weather seemed to bring a little hostility from those students from warmer climates. "I hate snow!" Madeiros said. "It's pretty, but I'm tired of it. It's nice- for a week." Alejandra Marquez, a senior from Chihuahua, Mexico, agreed the cold temperatures weren't her favorite, but admitted to liking the way "you can make cars go" on the icy roads. Apparently doing "doughnuts" wasn't a common pastime in Chihuahua.

Senior Christian Madorin from Champagne Vaud, Switzerland, more easily adjusted to the weather. An avid winter sportsman, Madorin's favorites included snow skiing. Madorin also expressed a fondness for "fun" American foods. "We don't have things like Jell-O (in Switzerland). That was pretty fun."

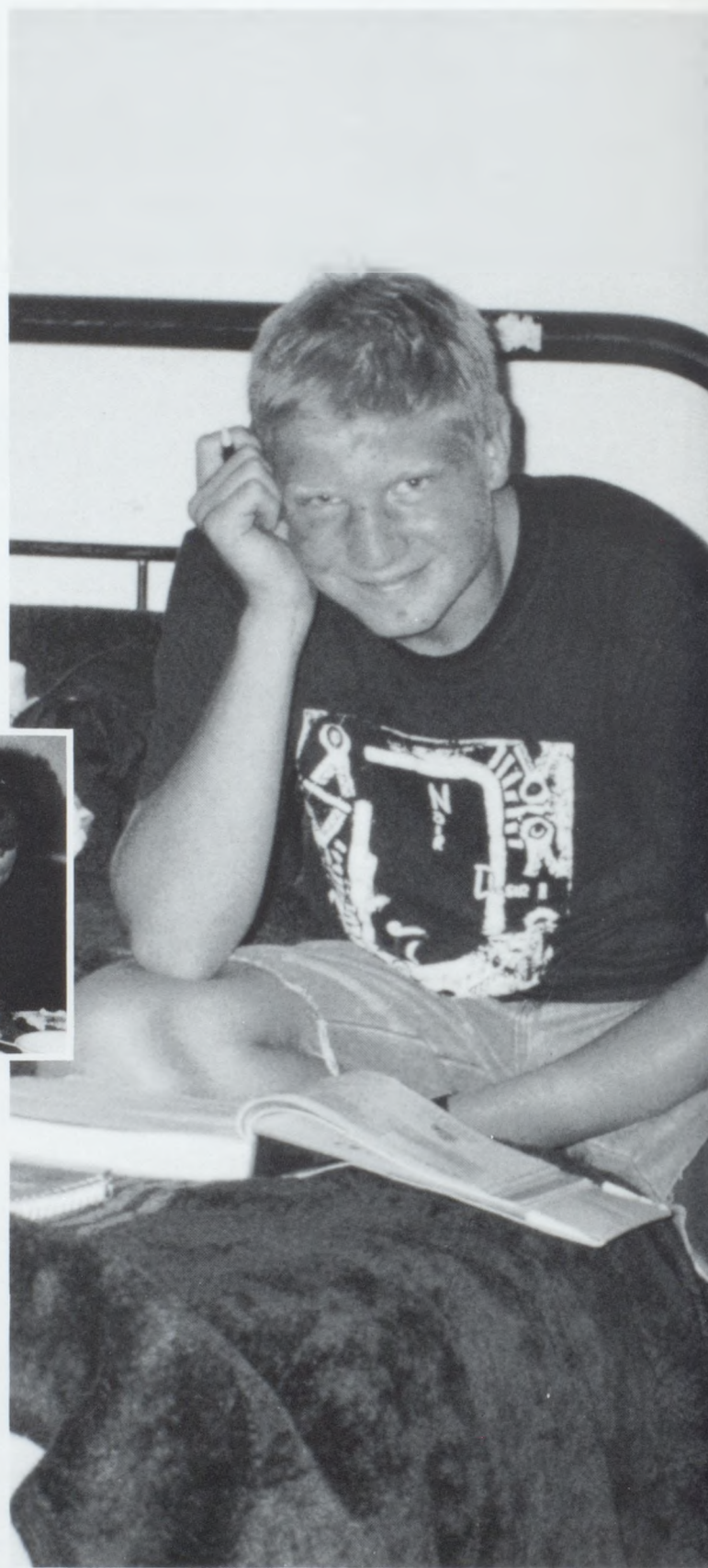
American food seemed "fun" to Marquez, too -almost too fun. "I love (American food), and I eat it all day. And if I don't stop I think that I'm going to have to stay here because I'm not going to be able to fit on the plane," said Marquez.

The food didn't bother Tetsushi Hashiguchi from Kyusya, Japan. "Tets," as he was known to his American friends, enjoyed all American music but expressed a dislike for rap. Sixteen-year-old Hashiguchi spent the year in America learning English, planning to continue his high school education for two more years in his country.

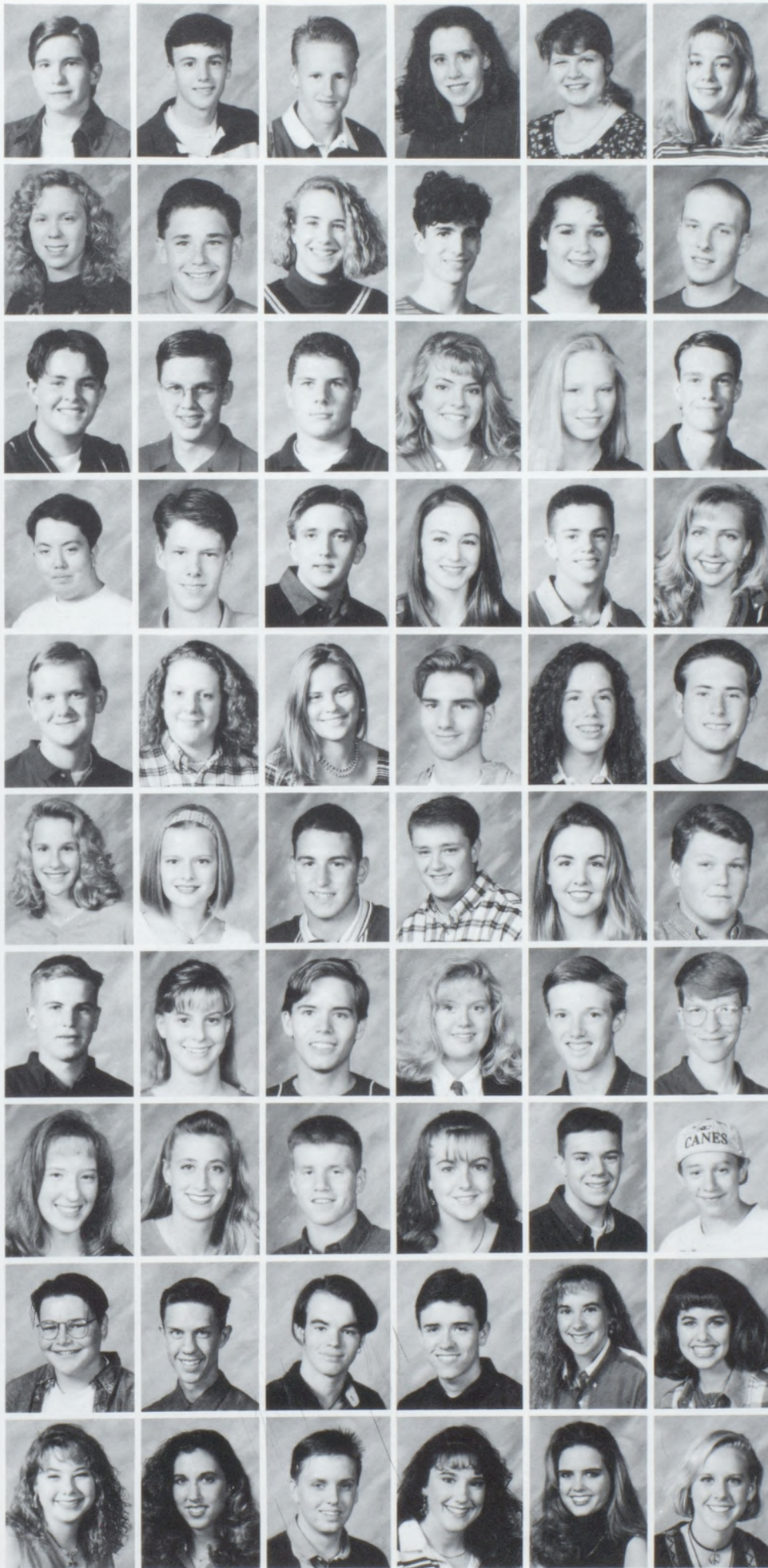
A common thread among the international students was a longing for friends and family. Although the experience of a new culture appeared valuable, the students missed their homes and the people they loved. The exception was Hashiguchi, who, when asked if he missed his sister, replied, "No way. I don't like her." Given a chance to use some nifty American slang, he added, "No. She sucks." Story by Kim Ruisch



Senior Marcella Madeiros listens to her host mother Peggy McLaughlin during their evening meal. McLaughlin said that although her transition to American food was difficult at first, Madeiros found a solution by adding cottage cheese to all foods she ate. Photo by Kim Ruisch



Senior Christian Madorin looks up from a perusal of his U. S. History textbook. Madorin took an active interest in his scholarship, taking various classes in social studies, art and foreign language. Photo by Peggy Pratt



Brian McLain
Andrew Meston
Jeff Meyers
Jenn Morrison
Krys-T Muselman
Amy Myer

Beth Ann Nelson
Jeff Nieting
Jill Norviel
Nick Notis
Jennifer Osborn
Matt Pace

Frank Pagano
Chris Palmer
Kelly Pierce
Carly Quandt
Sarah Rains
Tim Rains

Marc Ray
Casey Richwine
Brad Rippey
Angie Rittgers
Dave Rittgers
Kristin Robinson

Andy Roeth
Angie Roorda
Steffanie Routh
Ed Rustan
Andrea Sacco
Brian Schock

Sarah Schoper
Sarah Schreurs
T.J. Sciorrotta
John Sederwall
Michelle Shattuck
Ben Six

Brian Smith
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Misti Strome
Matt Sundblad
Jed Tank

Kari Tank
Kris Tedesco
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Donny Tyrrel
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Zeke Vantreesse
Aaron Vis
Glen Wardlow
Matt Warren
Heather Wheeler
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Kirsten Angstrom
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Bethany Ashby

Ben Barnes
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Heather Battin
Andrea Beck
May-Lee Beckham
Megan Bengard
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Kasi Bilbrey
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Christy Buchmeier

Bryan Burkhardt
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Tanner Cain
Shannon Caltrider
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Tami Carter
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Ron Christensen
Zac Christensen
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Myles Cochran
Casandra Coleman
David Coleman
Jaqlyn Collier

Jeremy Comer
Jerry Coons
Aaron Corcoran
James Dawson
Amanda DeReus
Corey Dickey
Steven Dunaway
Renee Ebke

Dave Edwards
Danielle Englehart
Mike Fackler
Scott Fales
Amanda Fisher
Shannon Fisher
Jeff Foster
Shawn Fowler

Lacey Freeman
Jon French
Jennifer Gilchrist
Ryan Gray
Marc Gregor
Jamie Grimm
Bill Gulling
Tara Guttridge

Derek Haag
John Hall
Tim Halling
Sarah Hamilton
Marisa Hansen
Kim Hartley
Doug Hartman
Lisa Henning

Jeremy Hietbrink
Jodi Hill
Tee Hill
Justin Hoelling
Mark Homback
Tim Hruska
Chrissie Huisman
Shawn Iles





Smoothing out the rough edges, sophomore TSA members Derek Trobaugh and Nick Iwig form the wings for a styrofoam glider. They constructed this and other projects including cars powered by the spring of a mousetrap and CO₂ cartridges during the TSA Leadership Conference at the YMCA Camp in Boone. photo by Mark Stookey



l e a r n i n g t o l i v e i n a technical world

Spread by Steve Ring and Mark Stookey

The thought of losing one's fingernail was probably not appealing to the average human. However, many accidents were capable of happening in shop class, and the Technology Student Association (TSA) club at Johnston was no exception. Sophomore TSA member Brent Routson had a "feeling" for what it was like to have an accident in the shop room. "I was sanding my CO₂-powered car at the electric sanding wheel and it slipped out of my hands. My pinky finger hit the sanding wheel and I sanded off my fingernail," said Routson.

The chance of injury was a risk that all TSA members had to take, and it paid off in the long run. At Johnston's first-ever TSA regional competition held at the Johnston Middle School on February 12, the high school chapter displayed their talents. "Overall our team did very well. In each event we had at least one member that placed in the top three," said TSA advisor Ron Trobaugh.

In the metric 500, sophomore Kevin McConnell placed third. Sophomores Scott Fales, Routson, and freshman Jason Cirkse placed second in the radio-controlled car race. In the safety poster competition Cirkse placed second.

Another TSA accomplishment was the organization of the pen and pencil machines. "I always lose my pencils during school. If it weren't for the pencil machine I don't think I'd get any of my homework done," said sophomore Joel Noble. The club made a five-cent profit for each pen or pencil. Considering that they sold an average of 60 pencils each week, it became a beneficial fundraiser. This and other fundraisers

such as the selling of Hy-Vee/Pizza Hut discount cards helped pay for hotel accommodations, transportation and admission fees at the state competition in Waterloo, Iowa.

During state, freshmen Chad Odland and Zach Parry earned a second place trophy in the bridge building competition. In this event, a team of two had an allotted amount of time to construct a scale model of a bridge made of balsa wood. Sophomores Derek Trobaugh and Fales were also elected state TSA officers at the competition. Trobaugh held the position of president and Fales secretary.

Through the injuries and various contests, TSA members pulled out their Band-aids and combined their brainpower to become successful at the state competitions. Story by Steve Ring and Mark Stookey

"If it weren't for the pencil machine I don't think I'd get any of my homework done."

-Joel Noble, sophomore

bikini girls, boys and new roller toys

Spread by Jennifer Jones and Sarah Hamilton

Bikini tops and Daisy Dukes. Shredded cut-offs without a shirt. Getting a tan while attracting members of the opposite sex.

It was summer again and some students at JHS didn't let the floods get in their way. With nearly all of the local beaches closed for most of the summer students had to find new ways to get a tan and have fun. Many students turned to rollerblading as an alternative to the beach.

"It was a great way to get a tan and exercise at the same time," said junior Regina Bess. "I like to be outside."

Although many people enjoyed this new activity it took a little practice. Junior Libby Hermann said, "One time we were rollerblading and Kris Tedesco was going along and wanted to stop in the grass. We didn't know how to stop. I don't know how she did it but she flipped around in a circle and landed flat on her back."

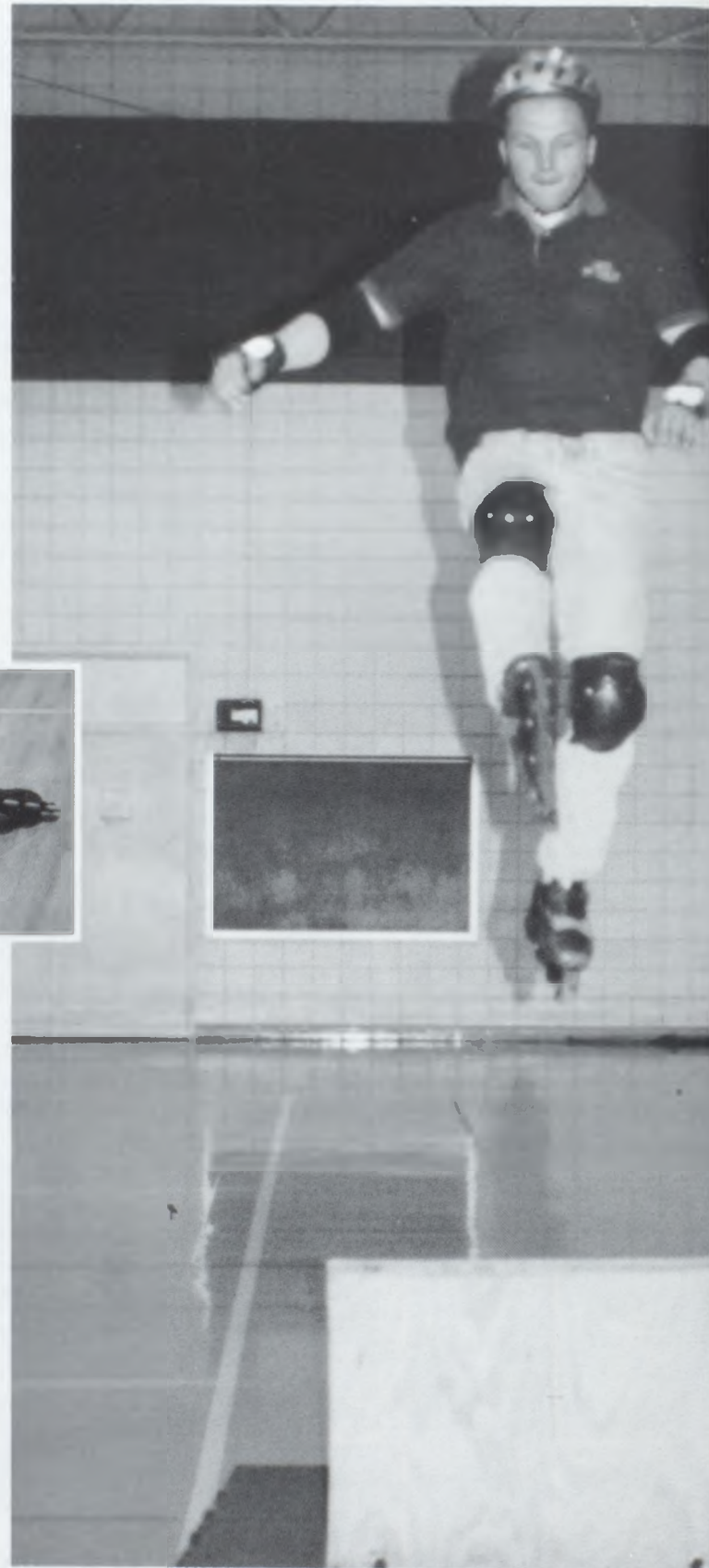


Freshman Brian Sheeks lies flat on the gymnasium floor after wiping out in PE class. Rollerblading was a new activity offered by the PE program. The school rented the rollerblades from Bike Country and each participant was required to pay a \$6.00 rental fee. Unfortunately, the unit was cut short because seven pairs were stolen. photo by Jennifer Jones

Teaching people how to stop was just part of the job for senior Joe McClung who worked at Bike World. "We went around to West Des Moines schools teaching kids about rollerblades. We taught them how to stop and and about safety, what pads to wear and where to skate," said McClung. "We also had a ramp that we brought and we'd do tricks for them."

Those who mastered the art of rollerblading moved on to roller hockey. The sport was popular with many senior guys. They usually played in empty parking lots, but an occasional parked car didn't stop them from having fun. Senior Mark Elliott once showed his skills by jumping up onto the hood of a car. "He went up to it and jumped on it. It looked cool," said senior Ryan Flynn. "He went down the other side. He thought he looked really sweet and tried to do it again, but he missed and dented the bumper. Mark got really scared. He thought the person who owned the car was going to come out so he made us all leave."

Rollerblading came more naturally to some students than others, but it became a popular activity for many. Whether the goal was to get a tan or to impress friends the sport provided many hours of summer fun. Story by Jennifer Jones



High in the air, senior Joe McClung shows his skill as he jumps from a ramp at Western Hills Elementary in West Des Moines. The stunt was the finale of a safety demonstration that introduced the elementary students to rollerblading equipment. McClung and other employees at Bike World toured several elementary schools in the Des Moines area. photo by Christie Howell



Nick Iwig
Katie Jacobsen
Courtney Johnson
Kate Jones
Jared Kaltenbach

Jodee Kennel
Bryan King
Cory Kiper
Cody Koch
P.J. Korte

Matt Kunert
Doug Langworthy
Marcus Leigh
Cory Liljedahl
Rebecca Longmire

Matt Lundberg
Ryan Maasen
Matt Madison
Jason Marburger
Chad Markin

Chris Marsh
Michael Martin
Beth Marvin
Beth McAdam
Brian McCleary

Kevin McConnell
Kristin McConnell
Eric McCuller
Pat McGowan
Emily Medina

Becky Miller
Kendra Mills
Brenda Mitchell
Nick Mitchell
Juliane Morgan

Leanna Morris
Anne Mullenix
Seamus Murphy
Lisa Musselman
Sara Myer

Lisa Nauman
Tim Nemmers
Kelly Newsom
John Nichols
Patrick Nigon

Joel Noble
Greg Olsen
Shon Olson
Chad Paine
Michael Parker

Todd Pembroke
James Peterson
Marcie Peterson
Nikki Phillips
Leslie Phipps
Curt Pizinger
Jen Porto
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Steve Ring
Sari Roarick
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Jessica Roorda
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Brent Routson
April Ruggles
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Travis Schuling
Laura Schuster
Lisa Shanley
Willie Sheldon
A.J. Simpson
Matt Simpson

Emily Skow
Casey Smith
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Heather Tuttle
Josh Twedt
Josh Van Heukelom

Matt Vannausdle
Jon Vocelka
Noelle Wagner
Greg Waldrop
Summer Wall
Kristin Warren
Troy Webber
Matt Webster

Ryan West
Jamie Westcott
Kevin Whitehill
Mike Wicks
Monica Wiig
Kristy Wilges
Mike Willcox
Danielle Williams

Brock Wing
Jonnette Wisecup
Shannon Wohl
Heidi Wych
Jane Zirkelbach



Strumming his guitar, sophomore Justin Hoefling plays his part of the song "Gift," which is about a man who thinks he and a woman are perfect together. Hoefling had played guitar for three years and was the lead guitarist for the band Standard.

photo by
Tara
Guttridge



communicating emotions as lyrics and melodies

Spread by Danielle Carroll and Tara Guttridge

Music is a diverse matter. Many of the aspects of music were explored by students at Johnston. The students escaped the norm of extra-curricular activities to fulfill their strong interests in the language of music.

Though young and inexperienced, the band Standard devised their own lyrics and music. Freshman Robb Rice and sophomore Justin Hoefling wrote the music while sophomore Scott Dominguez wrote the lyrics. Hoefling said of Dominguez, "(Scott's) a poet and he didn't know it, but he does now." Standard consisted of Rice, sophomores Chad Stamps, Hoefling and Dominguez, senior Jamie Woodward, and graduate Ian Barstow.

The band was comprised mostly of new musicians, including Stamps, who learned to play drums in three months. Hoefling and Dominguez had been members of other bands. Dominguez, the vocalist, said the reason for starting the band was, "We're not into sports or anything, so we had nothing better to do."

The band rehearsed on weekends in the depths of the Stamps' basement. The "indifferent" music they wrote and played was inspired by bands such as The Doors, Faith No More and Mother Lovebone. Stamps described

the music as Pearl Jam and Lemonheads in a wreck."

Senior Laura Watral also wrote all her own music despite the fact that she took only a few lessons. Watral was part of the former band 216. After 216 split up Watral started performing solo. Java Joe's, a local coffee house, was stage for the keyboardist. Watral said, "During my first performance I was really nervous to be in

front of an audience sharing the things I had written. What my music meant to me may not have been understood by the audience." Watral's friends, who were in attendance, helped to ease her anxiety.

A familiar face wasn't always found in junior Brenton Brown's audience. Many of Brown's summer evenings were spent entertaining audiences at Adventureland Inn with sounds of the sixties and seventies. "We had a different audience every night so I never got bored with the job," said Brown. He auditioned for the job in February and was one member of the chosen quartet.

As with any avenue of expression, using music as a language required much time and effort of those creating it. Though the outlets were different, these artists were learning how to speak it fluently. **Story by Danielle Carroll and Tara Guttridge**

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Travis Beveridge
Sarah Bidney

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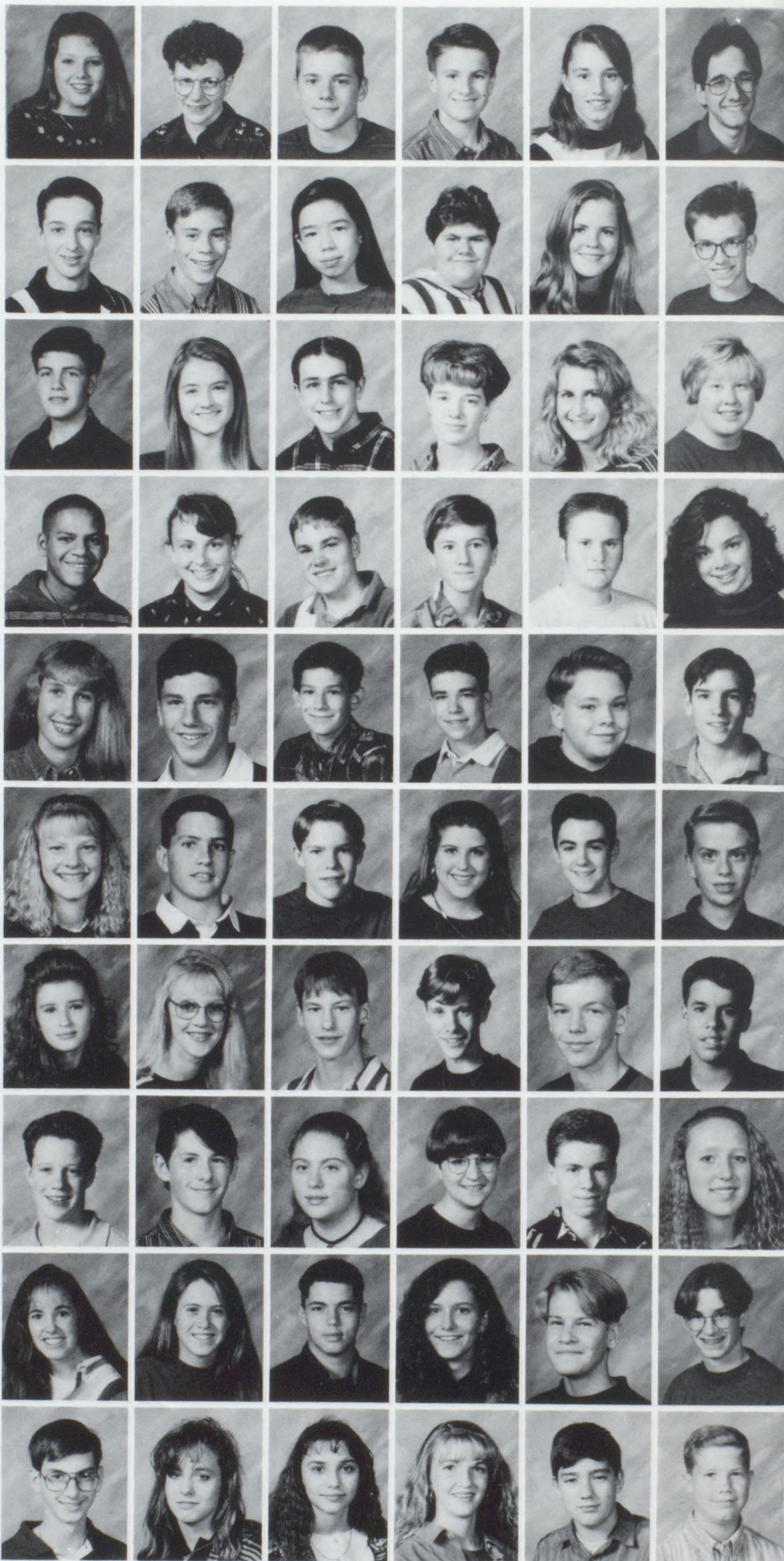
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Justin Ehm
Josh Fausch
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Alyssa Friedow
John Fry
Kara Gauger

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Jennifer Georgen
Kevin Goering
April Gollightly
Kris Graham
Jared Grant
Valarie Hall
Casey Hansen

Mark Hansen
Shawna Hartness
Christy Hawxby
Angie Hefner
Mitch Henry
Michael Herrmann
Michelle Hill
Sara Hill





Senior Scott Ebke takes time out of his busy day of skiing for a little rest and relaxation.



The annual trip to Afton Alps proved to be tiring for many in the Lutheran Youth Fellowship.



Ebke who was president of the group said, "After mastering the toughest hill of the park, I took a break and was ready to hit the hot tub that night."



photo by
Renee Ebke



a r e y o u r e a d y to order yet?

Spread by Shannon Smith and Lissa Smith

"For starters I'll have the baked wood and broiled hammer, followed by fried nails and to top it off, a few roasted bolts." Sound good? That is what many of the patrons thought as they dined in the gym of St. James Lutheran Church. "The diners had a list of items that stood for an object from our theme, construction," said junior Beth Koch. "For example, mortar stood for creamed corn. They were allowed to choose only four items. If they didn't choose the correct items they could end up without any silverware." Koch's youth group sponsored the feast to raise money for their trip.

"We wanted to go to the church convention in New Orleans. The Mystery Menu was one way besides car washes to raise money to go," said Koch.

Church youth groups did more than just Mystery Menu dinners. Freshman Reeanna Larson, who attended Glad Tidings Assembly of God, got involved with community activities. "When the flood hit, our youth group knew we had to do something to help. We went and distributed water, filled sandbags and helped clean up a couple of houses," said Larson.

Not all youth groups stayed at home to help out with the flood effort. St. Mary's youth group traveled to Colorado in late summer in hopes of seeing the Pope. Junior Marisa

Baumgarn said, "There were tons of people from all over the world there. The people in front of us were from Spain." On her impressions of the Pope Baumgarn said, "I always thought the Pope was an old geezer, but actually he was quite funny as he talked in Italian."

Traveling was a common facet of many youth groups. St. Paul Presbyterian church member and freshman Brian Wattier went skiing in Montezuma. "Our youth group always has fun things. The trip to Montezuma was neat because not only did you get to ski, but you learned about yourself. It was an experience I'll never forget."

"I always thought the Pope was an old geezer."

-Marisa Baumgarn, junior

The Wednesday night ritual turned into something many students anticipated. Larson said, "I got involved in youth group by a friend. I love going. It's not like any other group I have been involved with at school. You learn a lot more about people and their beliefs."

If the baked wood and broiled hammer didn't fill a person's stomach, involvement in a church youth group satisfied any appetite. Through new experiences and friends, members gained a new sense of understanding for themselves and others. Story by Shannon Smith and Lissa Smith

s t a k i n g • o u t t h e debaters in darkness

Spread by Danielle Carroll and Heidi Johns

Be very quiet. We can't let anyone know we're here. Quit stomping your feet down the hallway; walk on your tiptoes. Don't touch that lightswitch; they always meet in the dark. They feel it helps their discussions. They'll be here any minute now.

They met in the art room every Thursday morning at seven. It was difficult to get up that early so the individuals in the group varied each week. Freshman Adam Tetzloff said, "People don't like leaving their warm, cozy beds and neither do I. One time I fell asleep on my way up the stairs to tell my dad I wasn't going."

The Colloquy group convened in the art room to discuss different topics. They discussed everything ranging from religion to communication. The topics were decided by a member who had volunteered the week before.

S o m e t i m e s members would develop their own theory during the discussions. Once, the discussion incorporated thoughts on junior Matt Pace's statement, "Everything that is you you got from someplace else."

Colloquy members delved into their own ideals, opinions and thoughts. Some members felt they gained new perspectives from the meetings because they allowed them to hear what others thought. Senior Gwen Oulman said, "The discussions are always interesting because every-one's always honest about what they think. You don't always agree with what the other person says, but you feel you can tell the truth because you know you won't be judged."

Colloquy wasn't a newly formed group at JHS. Facilitator Daniel Weiss said, "It was started my first year here about seven years ago by four students who wanted to start a discussion group. They approached me with their idea, and I agreed to start one." The group started out as just four and had grown to about ten.

Here come about seven people. They are here. If you're very quiet and listen you'll hear some very interesting things. I guess we don't have to hide. Let's be brave and walk inside. It's an open group, the people are friendly and new arrivals are always welcome. Story by Danielle Carroll and Heidi Johns



Senior Jenny Smith explains her feelings about racism to other members. During this discussion the main objective was to discover what prompts people to hate differences in others. photo by Jill Foley



Giving their full attention to a fellow member, freshmen Carl Venter and Adam Tetzloff await their turn to speak. This meeting's topic was relationships. Venter and Tetzloff were frequent Colloquy attendees. photo by Jenny Smith



Beau Hillger
Ken Horner
Katie Hoss
Emilie Houle
Jenny Hunter

Krista Jackson
Alexi Jameson
Mandy Jamison
Ryan Jayne
Mary Ann Johnson

Ken Jones
Tim Keck
Kyla Kiester
Jeremy Kinnard
Shane Kinsey

David Klipec
B.J. Knapp
Chris Kroeger
Debra Kruse
Mitch Kunert

Jake Lamberti
Cheryl Larson
Reecanna Larson
Melissa Layman
Holly Leto

Diane Lindhoff
Jenna Logan
Brendan Mahoney
Jamie Mai
Rob Maloney

Meghan Mandsager
Davey Martens
Drew McConnell
Jason Meade
Whitney Mercer

Brooke Miller
Ryan Miller
Eve Mitchell
Tre Morris
Olivia Mulvihill

Tommy Myers
D'Andre Newson
Nick Nichols
Penny Nichols
Tyler Nissen

Kristen Norris
Christine Notis
Chad Odland
Danny O'Hollearn

Mark Oiler
Ben Oviatt
Andy Pace
Zachary Parry
Heather Patterson
Lauren Pendergraft
Amber Petersen
Luke Peterson

Eric Ranker
Steve Reay
Jason Reber
Jenny Reed
Jason Reis
Robb Rice
Chariss Richwine
Matthew Ries

Megan Riley
Shaun Riley
Missy Roberts
Ryan Roeth
Jim Rudolph
Ryan Ruisch
Monty Rutledge
Alyssa Samuelson

Becky Sather
Jason Schissel
Christina Schwab
Cory Sebastian
Shana Sellers
Shawn Sellner
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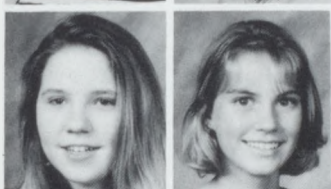
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Jeff Thompson
Trent Tillman

Chris Timmerman
Jose Tovar
J.J. Tully
John Tyrrel
Andrea VanOrsdale
Carl Venter
Veronica Walker
Neci Ware

Brian Wattier
Angi Weisz
Lance White
Vachel White
Jason Wieland
Chris Willems
P.J. Wills
Sheri Winrich

Kelli Wong
Chris Wretman
Chris Wunder
Jim Wynn
Jana Yanders
Brandon Young
Chase Young





Tightening a bolt to the new addition, two construction workers piece together the framework put up in late January. Despite the snow and cold weather, workers labored throughout the winter months to complete the construction which began the summer of 1993. photo by Heidi Zeiger



b u i l d i n g u p the noise level

Spread by Tara Guttridge and Jason Benbow

A grouchy person directs a carful of anxious fairgoers to a parking spot. People are seen playing fun games and riding thrilling rides. By the end of the visit, a headache from the noise was so big Excedrin was needed. This scenario could describe a day at the fair or a year of construction.

There had been a great amount of anticipation for the new addition. Principal Tom Downs said, "The only complaints people have told me were about the loss of parking spaces and the excess traffic from the construction workers' vehicles. Overall, the majority of the student body has been excited and enthusiastic to have a new part of the school."

Frequent noise caused a problem. "During class there was a lot of clanging and rattling which made it hard to listen to my classmates' speeches," said sophomore speech student James Peterson. "It was really annoying; the whole building would shake." Because of the constant disruption, history teacher Jerry Kinder decided to make a joke of it. He told his class about the ride of a lifetime they'd get by sitting on the

heater.

An excursion taken on the log ride could prove enjoyable on a hot summer day at the fair. A trip to the home ec room could have proven as dangerous. "Because of the construction above the kitchens, water would continually drip from the ceiling," said senior Foods I student Amanda Carothers. "The kitchens were full of garbage pails to collect water, and occasionally you would get a little wet."

The section being added to the school consisted of a new library, computer lab, art room, lunch room, kitchen, wrestling room, gym and new locker rooms. On the second level there would be a new English wing

and on the first a new science wing.

Even with the distractions of the construction the school would eventually benefit from the extra space and classrooms. "This addition encourages patience," said sophomore Bryan Burkhardt. "Waiting for the end of the construction is like waiting for the next number to be announced in a bingo game. When it is complete we will all be winners." Story by Jason Benbow and Tara Guttridge

"Waiting for the end of the construction is like waiting for the next bingo number."
-Bryan Burkhardt, sophomore

w h o w o u l d have guessed?

Spread by Lissa Smith

Imagine your teachers wearing football jerseys and cheerleading skirts, playing in the band and singing in the show choir.

Who would ever guess that Ms. Tews led cheers during her high school pep rallies? "We used to do these toe touches where you jumped up in the air, touched your toes and landed on the ground in the splits," said Tews. "Well, after executing this stunt I landed and pulled all of my inner thigh muscles. I had to be carried off of the floor." Tews was also involved in National Honor Society, student council, Future Teachers of America and six school plays.

Decorating with toilet paper has been a high school tradition, but how many of us could say we almost got hit with a night stick because of it? Social studies teacher Mr. Stratton could. "Once while T.P.ing I found myself confronted by a police officers' baton. If not for my superior athletic ability I would have been hit. Luckily, after a lecture, I was released unharmed," said Stratton. Stratton's activities included wrestling, football, baseball, chorus, National Honor Society and student council.



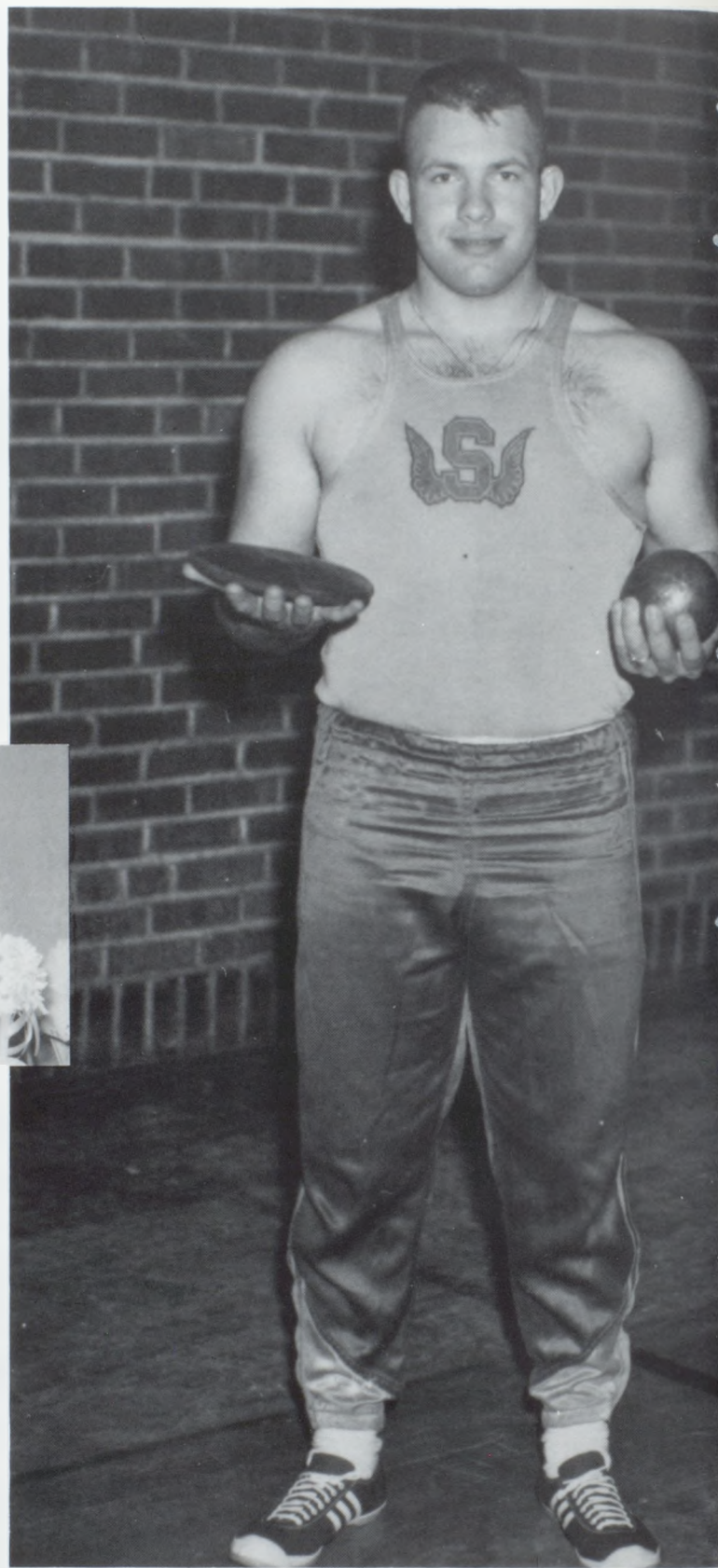
Attending formals was a common high school social event. At her own formal, school nurse Barb Allen listens to her date Joe Jeffries, not to be confused with current husband Gordy.

Mr. Strickler, physical education and health teacher, was also involved in athletics. While throwing shot and discus for the Sigourney High School team he claimed a state title and broke many records. "I was throwing the discus in an AAU meet. During my throw I tore the seat of my shorts right out. Back then we didn't wear boxer shorts; I was only wearing a supporter. My whole rear end was showing until someone threw me a towel, the most embarrassing part being, my mother threw the towel," said Strickler.

Social functions played a large part in the past of our faculty. Mrs. Scott came face to face with her dates' belt buckle on the dance floor. "I went to a dance with a 6'3" boy and, needless to say, when we danced, how do I say this delicately, we were quite a couple," said Scott.

To end her high school career Mrs. Goshorn gave a speech at her senior banquet. "I was giving a serious speech and noticed that everyone was looking beyond me and laughing. My date had knocked the candle over and the entire table was on fire. I never went out with him again," said Goshorn.

It was found that teachers had many of the same ups and downs in their high school careers as students had. Even though a difference of age and trends was apparent, thoughts, ideas and images of high school students from past to present showed history to repeat itself. **Story by Lissa Smith**



The strapping, young brute, Larry Strickler, shows off his state championship physique. Strickler threw shot put and discus for the Sigourney High School track team. He was a state champ, setting the record for his school.



Susan Anderson/Math
 Tamara Andrews/English, French
 Garry Auxier/Math
 Jeanette Babcock/Media Specialist
 James Blasingame/English

David Beason/P.E.
 Denise Book/Math
 Dennis Briggs/Science
 Judy Briles/Office
 Justin Carlson/Behavior Disorder

Phyllis Caswell/Behavior Disorder Asst.
 Sue Cline/Social Studies
 Mary Coppock/Interpreter
 George Corley/Study Hall
 Cookie Cranston/Media Assistant

Dale Doudna/Guidance Counselor
 Tom Downs/Principal
 Terrance Frisch/Science
 Judy Goshorn/Business
 Arline Gunhus/Guidance Office

Michael Halder/Science
 Carol Halverson/Special Ed. Assistant
 Sheryl Hill/Resource
 Pam Johnson/E.L.P.
 Jerry Kinder/History

Larry Lawler/Social Studies
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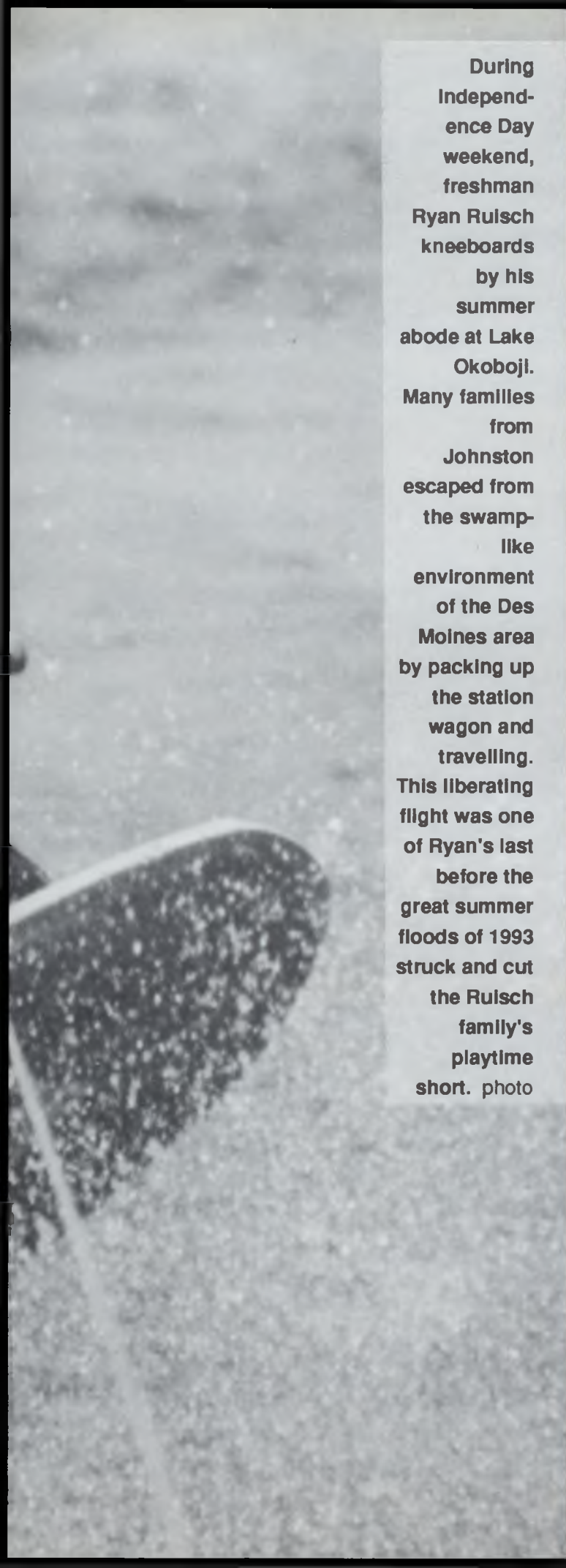
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 Marty Pierce/Spanish
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 Steve Smith/Math
 Jerry Stratton/Social Studies

Larry Strickler/P.E.
 Ed Terhune/Study Hall
 Kay Van Farowe/Math
 Jan Ver Hoef/Office
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Jim Wandro/Special Ed.
 James Weaver/Vocal Music
 Pat Westcott/Media Assistant
 Jody White/Vocal Music
 Ralph Young/Industrial Tech.





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the Rulsch
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playtime
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student life. you dug your face

in flour • you danced the cha cha • you

screamed at the scoreboard • you requested

a better d.j. • you were free from the pack • you

received your little scroll • you posed for a

picture • you rocked the boat • you wanted to

disassemble the speaker • you couldn't handle

high heels • you became permeated with the

offensive odor of the lake • you were en-

grossed by mass media • you witnessed the

shaking of the world

this summer was FULL OF GREASE

A vacation of deprived sunlight left hard work

Spread by Jill Foley and Heidi Zeiger

...Summer days, wasting away into oh-oh the summer nights. A wella, wella wella, huh.

The smell of fresh worms emerging from the rain-soaked ground, your father yelling at you for flushing the toilet, and a friend begging you to go to Camp Dodge to take a shower. Sound like much of a vacation? Summer came and summer went, once again all too quickly.

...Tell me more, tell me more, did you get very far?

With the rain falling down for much of July and into August, the main entertainment was Saturday night sandbagging. One wouldn't have to look much further than their own front door to find a volunteer crew doing all they could to help out needy families and business owners. Several people were left without running water and relied on bottled water supplied by the

National Guard and other organizations, such as Bud Light Bottling Company. Many tragically lost their homes and businesses to the flood waters. Senior David May was one of many Johnston students that generously volunteered to help.

"We were in Lincoln, Nebraska, after our floods in July had gone down, and I decided to show those Nebraskans what sandbagging was all about," said May. "We finished around midnight and had filled around 7,000 bags."

...Tell me more, tell me more, like did she drive a car?



As we were caught up with our showerless, smelling bodies in Johnston, senior David May spent his time in Lincoln, Nebraska, sandbagging. May's group was so quick, they shortly ran out of bags to fill and resorted to using potato sacks which were three times as heavy. By midnight of the first day, they had filled over 7,000 bags and were definitely ready to go home. photo by Brent Cox

Not only did she drive cars, but large green tanks as well. Senior Teresa Lane went through rigorous training and seemingly endless pain to successfully complete basic training this summer in North Carolina. She left just after school exhausted in June and returned in early August. "It was an experience that I will never

forget," said Lane. "I can't remember a time that I've ever worked so hard and felt so good about it all at the same time."

...He went away, that's how it ends.

After the last out of the season was called for the Johnston baseball team, sophomore Tim Halling decided that he hadn't had enough. So he journeyed down to Houston, Texas, to play on the AAU team. Halling was there for ten days in August and had "an incredible experience."

Halling recalls, "I was so pumped when the tournament got transferred to Texas. It was originally supposed to be played in Iowa, but because of all the rain it was moved. Probably the best part was getting to play in the Olympic Stadium."

...Summer dreams, ripped at the seams...

Smelling silly, drinking acidic rain, and hitting a piece of rubber with a long stick shaped three months of expected summer fun into a drenched piece of mold. This summer was one full of grease, so wring it out and hang it up to dry. Story by Jill Foley and Heidi Zeiger



"When Tara (Guttridge) moved to Green Meadows I didn't get to see her much. This bonding in the photo booth was one of the few times we spent together."
-Renee Ebke, sophomore

Panning for gold was a part of sophomore Robin Sanders' summer vacation as she and her younger sister Betsy dream of possible riches. Sanders' family journeyed to the Black Hills in South Dakota shortly after her capture of the National History Day second place trophy in Maryland. photo by Doyle Sanders

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summer vacation



Senior Katherine Wright cuddles with her newborn son. Skylar Michael Wright was born in June and weighed eight pounds, six ounces. photo by Tiffany Peterson

Sophomores Zach Christensen, Courtney Johnson, Kristin Warren and senior Jenny Smith, spend a day hiking through Mount Blanche on the French trip organized by eighth grade French teacher Brian Donahue. photo by Brian Donahue

homecoming with MILKBONES & SCOTCH

Dog treats and tape described this week of festivities

Spread by Ross Anderson, Sarah Hamilton and Mark Stookey

Student Body President Andy Offenburger walked stealthily back and forth behind the candidates with the crown in his hand, giving each candidate time to be teased. "it's kinda like having a Milk Bione Dog Biscuit in your hand and waving it around teasing all the little dogs," said Offenburger. What seemed like a funny little game to the anxiously waiting student body and staff was an eternity for the candidates. Finally the anticipation was over, and the new king, Greg Reed, and queen, Kim Ruisch, were crowned. "Being queen for a day had incredible fringe benefits. Not only did my government class bow to me when I entered the room, but my mother insisted on wearing my crown around the house for months."

Later that day a new Homecoming tradition was set. Decorating the gym took the place of hall decorating. Dedicated students spent many hours cutting, gluing and taping. Junior Michelle Wiig said, "I spent my entire life, paycheck and creative ability decorating our corner. Then, to top it off, my date didn't even notice it!" Each corner of the gym had been exquisitely decorated with Scotch tape and streamers. That evening, the sky' blanket of darkness was shattered by

the lights of the stadium and the cheers of the crowd. The Johnston Dragons faced the Knoxville Panthers. The team fought hard throughout the entire game until a last minute touchdown pass by Knoxville. That touchdown sealed the Dragons' fate, and the Panthers won 20-14.

Senior Chad McFarling said, "It was really hard to lose that game. It was the seniors' last Homecoming. Playing in front of our biggest crowd this year didn't help much either."

The last of the festivities was the dance. Couples and individuals dressed in their best attire started to arrive at the school around 8:00 p.m. Junior Katy Bass remem-

bers the dance: "The best part was when everyone was running around the gym doing 'YMCA.' Then Mr. Harswick told us to stop because someone could get hurt. Yeah, right."

Homecoming came to a close and the dresses were hung. Bushels of paper from thousands of decorations were cleaned up and memories stored away. Sophomore Amanda Fisher said, "Homecoming was memorable to me because I was involved with so many activities. Being involved really adds to the effect." **Story by Ross Anderson, Sarah Hamilton and Mark Stookey**



Sophomores Joann Stark and Kristin Warren prepare their dummy to ride their version of Adventureland's ride, "The Dragon." The sophomores placed second for their corner of the gym. photo by Heidi Johns



The dance was really fun because when they started playing country music, everybody line danced. And I started it!
-Amanda Carothers, senior

Junior Julie Cottrell works diligently on decorating the juniors' corner of the gym. Each of the four classes was designated a corner of the gym to decorate instead of one of the traditional halls. The juniors won the event.
photo by Heidi Johns

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homecoming

With expressions of happiness, King Greg Reed and candidates watch as emotion-filled Kim Ruisch is crowned by Student Body President Andy Offenburger.
photo by Steve Ring



HOMECOMING COURT. Jr. Kari Tank, Sr. Lissa Smith, Sr. Kim Ruisch, Sr. Shannon Smith, Soph. Megan Bengard, Fr. Kelly Angstrom. **Row 2.** Jr. Jed Tank, Sr. Dan Flannery, Sr. Greg Reed, Sr. Jeremy Rinehart, Soph. Greg Olsen, Fr. Andy Pace.



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participants feel COMPETITIVE DRIVE

Homecoming sparks childhood memories

Spread by Kris Tedesco and Danielle Carroll

"I only wear underwear to bed, and I didn't think that that was appropriate for school," said junior Brian Schock when asked why he didn't participate in Monday's Pajama Day. The seniors also rebelled against pajamas as Monday was declared Toga Day, a surprise to many, including some uninformed seniors.

"The Toga Day was my favorite because we don't have anything like that in Mexico," said foreign exchange student and senior Alejandra Marquez. "It was weird, but I liked it because the guys looked good in the togas."

Many students also enjoyed Farmer Day on Tuesday. Freshman Kevin Shafer received many compliments as he rolled into school on his parents' tractor. "With my dad being a farmer and all, I have the unique advantage of driving a tractor to school," said Shafer.

The majority of the student body participated in Wednesday's Dress-up Day, Thursday's Woodstock Day and Friday's traditional Purple/Gold Day. However, some rebelled and created their own dress-up days, such as Hat Day, Cross-Dress Day and "Valley" Day.

Another reason to dress up was Club Olympics on Thursday evening. Each team donned their trademark, whether it was face-paint, t-shirts, or underwear. "This year's Olym-

pics were really unorganized, mostly because we had twelve teams with a minimum of ten on each," sophomore student council member Megan Bengard said. "It was hard on the students who were running the Olympics." Most participants still managed to have fun. According to junior Blake Cruikshank, "The

orange relay was the best. My team couldn't get it across. We kept dropping it, so we were forced to cheat." The cheating was noticed by others. Junior Brian Smith said, "There were too many teams and too much cheating, but it was fun at the end when everyone got in a shaving cream fight."

At the end of the competition the winners emerged: Team Strike Force. "Winning the musical chairs put us over

the top. It was great because our childhood memories came alive again and turned into competitive drive - that's how we won," said junior Ben Six.

This childlike behavior continued throughout the evening as the ever-so-popular tradition of teepeeing began at the school. Recreation turned to destruction when obscene drawings were soaped on to windows, fires were started on the field and a window was broken. As a result, a Task Force was developed by the community, faculty and students to make homecoming a more constructive event. Story by Danielle Carroll and Kris Tedesco



During Club Olympics, the "push the ball with your nose" relay can get a little slow. Junior Ryan Crowder expressed his solution: "I wanted to win, so I thought I'd just pick the thing up with my teeth and run!" Crowder's team, the "Dongers," was one of 12 teams competing in the Club Olympics. photo by Mark Stookey



"Woodstock Day was fun because it fit me the best. I pulled the hippie clothes right out of my closet."

-Heather Arndt, sophomore



Freshman Kevin Shafer takes a dress-up day one step further than most by driving a tractor to school on Farmer Day. How did the student body react? "A lot of people, especially juniors and seniors, came up to me and told me that I was neat," explains Shafer. photo by Shannon Smith



Getting into the true spirit of Woodstock Day, senior Kyle Dickey "rolls a joint." "Woodstock Day was my favorite," said Dickey. "We all came together as brothers and sisters. Love and peace - that's where it's at." photo by Lissa Smith

Varsity football player and sophomore Greg Olsen digs his face in whipped cream during the pep assembly. The assembly's attendance level decreased, some thought due to the change of assembly time from fourth to eighth hour. photo by Kris Tedesco

fuzzies warm up to BREAK THE ICE

Campers take risks and plunge into the unknown
Spread by Kim Ruisch and Shannon Smith

The surroundings were warm and fuzzy: conversations around the fireplace, drinking hot chocolate with new friends and old; Long Johns, turtle-necks and wool socks. Ah, yes, peace and contentment were abundant at the old Y-Camp in Boone. That is, except for the blood-curdling screams echoing across the Raccoon River.

An afternoon jaunt on a canoe had been disrupted, and sophomores Nicole Timmins and Sari Roarick found themselves swimming ashore. "We were joking about the boat tipping over, and when it did, Sari started singing 'Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat,'" said Timmins.

Icy waters were braved all weekend at the Leadership Retreat. Participants were challenged to learn about themselves by looking inward and outward. Small groups were established to provide a less threatening environment in which to communicate. Depending on how receptive and how responsive the members were, the small groups were able to learn quickly about the attitudes and perceptions of the other members. "My eyes were opened up to people's different values and beliefs. It is an experience that can only happen up there," said sophomore Pat McGowan.

Different visions were unveiled when Teen Leadership Connection, the retreat's sponsor, launched its new program. Unlike previous years, TLC would consist of small

service groups, most of them branching out of the groups formed at Leadership. It was the responsibility of each small group to choose its service project and then develop a plan of action. According to past student and adult participants, this change was implemented in order to try preserve some of the experience and learning that occurred at Leadership and

channel it in the right direction at JHS. "Through service projects we can make an impact not only on ourselves but our school and community," commented biology teacher and group leader Mary Ann Morris.

Because interest in the retreat rose, some campers journeyed where none had gone before, choosing to stay at the nearby Episcopal Center. Retreat coordinators, such as guidance counselor Dale Doudna,

opted for two joint locations instead of having two retreats. "We chose two sites instead of two retreats because of cost and also because the retreat does cause a disruption in the learning environment of the school."

After two and a half exhausting days, retreatants gathered in the Y-Camp Lodge for one last chorus of "Friends," picked up their pillows, luggage, cameras and warm fuzzies. They left camp, some with refreshed spirits, some with renewed friendships, and some with plastic bags full of wet clothes. Story by Kim Ruisch and Shannon Smith



Dam-builders and Juniors John Davis, Bryan Stennes and S.W. Winrich use their free time to play in the mud. Other campers spent their free time repelling, playing football and making cookies in the kitchen. photo by Heidi Zeiger



"It was really funny when I saw all three boats had tipped over. It made me laugh so hard."

- Nikki Brown, senior

After tipping their canoe in the Raccoon River, sophomores Sari Roarick and Nicole Timmins wade their way out of the icy waters. Memories made during free time became a large part of the Leadership experience, campers being allowed an average of seven hours a day. photo by Heidi Zeiger

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Leadership retreat

Senior Andrea Willems gives a warm fuzzy to sophomore Tara Guttridge. The traditional Warm Fuzzy Tale demonstrated the exchange of warm fuzzies needed to be accompanied by an exchange of kind words. "Cold pricklies" were not allowed. photo by Heidi Zeiger



Sophomore Todd Pembroke smiles as Junior Sarah Schreurs applies make-up in some not-so-ordinary places. This was the first year campers lip synched to a song instead of performing a skit. Pembroke and Schreurs' group performed to "Don't Know Why I Love You." photo by Heidi Zeiger



five-day world flopper SHOWSTOPPERPASS

Spring break was more than a ride on Space Mountain

Spread by Jill Foley and Heidi Zeiger

The beast's white-gloved paws held small helpless children while their parents reloaded the Minolta, becoming annoyed by the mouse's violating voice deteriorating their eardrums. As the days grew longer, the furred creature became more and more and more (and more) repulsive...gosh, maybe M-i-c-k-e-y isn't so g-r-e-a-t after all. "I went to Disney World with my family. I had the FIVE-DAY PASS. It was more of an obligation than a vacation... a FIVE-DAY PASS. Imagine that much time in the Magic Kingdom," said biology teacher Mary Ann Morris. "It was just a long, long vacation... a FIVE-DAY WORLD FLOPPER, SHOW STOPPER PASS, ... and it about stopped me!"

Some Florida voyagers, in a rush anticipation of Disney's comical glory, became overly anxious. "On our way to Disney World, the luggage fell off the top of the car and onto the interstate," said sophomore Jenny Hall. "My boyfriend Toby's suitcase got roadburn and my brother's friend lost his belly board...It was just...just gone."

It was seemingly impossible to have a leave-it-to-Beaver vacation, some didn't even allow spring breakers the escape of life in Johnston. To the ends of the earth, D.J. (Danner)

and J.D. (the beloved mascot) followed you everywhere. "I went to Atlanta, Georgia to visit family," said senior Andy Kreamer. "I picked up a radio station that was playing the Johnston/New Hampton final game of the state tournaments, on 1040 or something."

While some people were spending their green on vacation supplies (ie: plane tickets,

Mickey suckers, those "my daughter went to Florida and all she got me was this lousy t-shirt" shirts and Banana Boat sun goo), others were earning it. "I had a rosy time working at McDonald's in Missouri and making the transition to Johnston," said new sophomore Rick Barney. "Believe it or not I'm walkin' on air when I'm at Mickey D's and I need money for college." At places such

as Hy-Vee, North End Diner and Chi Chi's, Mr. and Ms. "I-worked-through-my-spring-break-to-help-build-my-future" could be found.

But soon the dreaded Monday, March 28, crept out of nowhere. It was just like when you were a child at Disney World and that big black blob with white gloves lurched around the corner singing in a shrill voice "HEE HEE..." A frightening sight was Mickey. The world flopped, the show stopped and school commenced. **Story by Jill Foley and Heidi Zeiger**



Attentively listening to the museum director of Les Amis du Vieux St. Etienne, on the trip to France, French teachers Mary Moermond and Tamara Andrews succeed with the translation of language. The travelers returned home saturated with the French tongue. photo by Tara Guttridge



"The streets in Spain were really, really narrow and trucks would come down the road expecting us to find doorways for protection. It was really wild."

-Angie Claus, senior

With a taste for foreign goods, senior Tara Thieleke examines some shiny shoes at the Thrift-O-Rama in Kansas City, Missouri, in hopes of reincarnating old togas of all sorts. Her exotic desires were satiated with the purchase of a velveteen vestige, a polyester plaything and a little leather jacket among many other frocks. Reluctantly, Thieleke parted from the Eighth Street thrift scene the following day to do some serious camping on the Lake of the Ozarks, Truman State Park with three pals. photo by Jill Foley

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spring break



Junior laborer Danny Bright takes part in the great American workforce as he barter some gooey delicious Junior Mints with a Forum 4 movie goer. photo by Aaron Gilmore

Waiting for a shuttle bus in Keystone Park, Colorado, junior Jeff Fisher dismantles drippy wet skiing garb, anticipating the warm fire blazing in the condo. Fisher and father journeyed to Utah after days on the difficult slopes. photo by Tom Caswell

time capsules EVOKE MEMORIES

Capsules unfold and reveal remnants of the past

Spread by Emily Gelormino and Heidi Johns

Preparations began months before. Girls planned hair appointments, purchased dresses and accessories and reserved times for tanning beds. Guys ordered corsages, made dinner reservations and chose final colors for vests, bow ties and cummerbunds. While favorites like Christopher's, The Greenbriar, The Crystal Tree and 8th Street Bar & Grill served many, other couples opted for a more unique restaurant. "My date and I decided to eat dinner at The Pier because we didn't think many other people from our school would be there," said senior Rachel Knudtson.

From there, prom goes headed to the Drake Olmsted Center where the crowd started filing in a little before 8:30 p.m.

Friends taking a break from the dance floor congregated in the main room to converse, get photos taken and remember their middle school years. This highlight for many seniors was the opportunity to open the time capsules they created in eighth grade. Senior Jenny Smith said, "Grady Tibboel and I opened our time capsules at the same time since we had gone to the dance together. The first thing I remember reading from my time capsule said 'I will go out with Grady Tibboel.' We both thought it was really funny that I had a crush on him in eighth grade and we ended up going to our senior prom together."

The dance eventually slowed down and couples started filtering out of the doors of the dance floor, removing shoes from their aching feet.

By 1:00 a.m. people were loaded into the gym and the doors were locked. The parent

and teacher-filled student center swarmed with students in search of tickets, prizes and food to settle their hungry stomachs. Blackjack, Wheel of Fortune, Crap Shoot and the Ring Toss provided students with the opportunity to win tickets they could trade for prizes. "With my tickets I bought some pop, animal crackers and free movie passes. I also had to choose between a calculator and a grill. I opted for the calculator," said junior Tom Caswell.

At 2:00 a.m. as the games and the lights shut off, students piled into the auditorium for the seniorslide show. Accompanied by music, baby photos were compared with senior portraits. By 3:00 a.m. the slide show was over and parents hurried back to their stations to resume their duties. Drawings were held every hour as Chuck Offenburger drew names and Tony Vis announced the lucky winners. Microwaves, gift certificates, mini power vacuums, stereo speakers and cash prizes were given away as surprised winners ran to claim prizes.

The Elasta-Run and the sumo wrestling activities were brought out at 3:00 a.m. and mobs of people ran to sign up for these new additions. Comedian Willie Farrell arrived at 4:00 a.m. and students reluctantly ended their newly-found love of sumo wrestling to relax and listen to the guest comedian. As Farrell wrapped up his routine most of the crowd began to grow tired and seemed ready to head home after a quick breakfast. Lined up in front of the library to collect their night's worth of prizes, students yawned and reminisced about a memorable night. **Story by Emily Gelormino**



Senior David Bullock prepares for his first sumo wrestling experience against senior Toby Baker after climbing in his wrestling suit and being inflated. Sumo wrestling and the Elasta-Run were two new additions that provided physical activity to the festivities of the after prom party. photo by Emily Gelormino



"It seemed odd because my date (senior Greg Reed) was wearing more makeup than I was. He and Joe McClung were wrestling the day before and Greg got his face scratched up, so he had to wear a bunch of makeup to cover it up."

- Tara Thieleke, senior

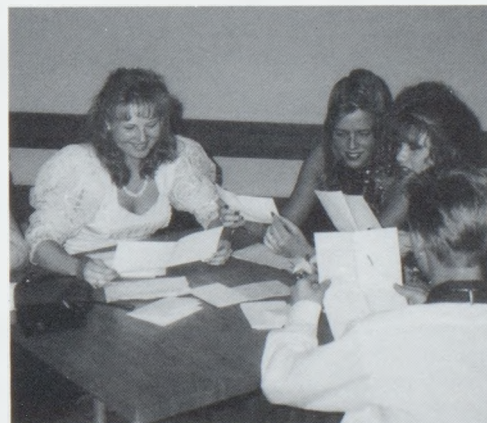
70 prom/after prom



Junior Sarah Schreurs and sophomore Heather Smith slip away from the noise and chaos of the dance floor to touch up their hair and makeup. The "Tonight's the Night" junior/senior prom was held May 7 at Drake Olmsted Center from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Tickets for the prom cost \$15 for singles and \$20 for couples. The night was not finished after the dance but continued until 5:30 a.m. at the after prom party which was held in the high school gym and student center. photo by Amanda Fisher

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prom/after prom



With trembling fingers and sweaty palms, junior Erin Fisher skillfully attempts the removal of a Jenga game piece from the already 29-story tower. Games like Twister, Bingo, Wheel of Fortune and Jenga enabled participants to win tickets they could exchange for prizes. photo by Amanda Fisher

Laughing and reminiscing about their eighth grade beliefs, attitudes and best friends, seniors Kriston Meyers, Channon Foley, Katherine Wright along with guest Josh Milligan compare the contents of the time capsules they created their eighth grade year. photo by Amanda Fisher

a chance to be IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Board helps student body recognize graduates

Spread by Kim Ruisch and Shannon Smith

The months flew by, too quickly for some and not quite quickly enough for others. Their days as seniors in high school were numbered. At a time when the future seemed exciting and new, remembering from where they'd come was also important. The Junior/Senior Board provided the senior breakfast and the Class Day assembly as a way to respect and honor the achievements and experiences of the class of 1994.

The breakfast, held January 25, was hosted by the Junior/Senior Board at North End Diner with the theme of "Then and Now." After the consumption of eggs, meats, breads and fruits, the group was entertained by speakers Mr. Don Gross and Mr. Brian Donahue.

Gross, a mathematics teacher at the high school, drew many connections between himself and the soon-departing class as he himself would be retiring at the end of the school year. Said senior Diane Klipec, "Mr. Gross was one of my favorite teachers. It is sad he's retiring and that my brother won't be able to have him as a teacher."

Donahue had watched many of the class members grow up after having them in his classes in eighth grade. As a gift to each student, Donahue presented a seven-page booklet containing his collected words of wisdom. The bits of advice ranged in content from "Kissing is the most pleasant way of spreading germs yet devised," to "To avoid criticism-do nothing, say nothing, be nothing."

After months of planning, the board brought the class together at the start of graduation weekend on Friday, May 27. The Class Day assembly was held to honor the graduates and their high school accomplishments. The tribute, with the theme of "Now and Forever," was made possible only after hours of work.

"It was amazing to see all the tiny details combining to produce a successful assembly," said Mr. Jim Blasingame, who along with Mrs. Joyce Rash and Mrs. Phyllis Caswell provided staff leadership for the board.

After three years of sitting in the bleachers the senior class was finally able to be in the spotlight. Senior Eric Abbey said, "The pressure of being the first one to be in the spotlight gave me a nervous stomach. I

was so afraid I was going to mess up."

Although hours had been spent planning every detail, some unforeseen glitches occurred. One-year board member senior Ryan Guttridge said of the assembly, "Overall, things ran smoothly except for the mike problems and the spotlight breaking. It seems that all of those late Sunday night meetings finally paid off in the end."

Through the senior breakfast and Class Day the Junior/Senior Board brought recognition and honor to the graduating class. The organization of the two events showed appreciation of their accomplishments and collectively brought the group together for a final look at the last four years. **Story by Kim Ruisch and Shannon Smith**



JUNIOR/SENIOR BOARD. Julie Cottrell, Elaine Jarnagin, Beth Koch. ROW 2. Andy Offenburger, Nicole Buban, Shannon Smith, Ryan Guttridge. Not pictured: Lara Newsom.



"I was excited the staff selected Holly Golightly for the Principal's Award. She certainly models those characteristics for which we were looking. She is hardworking, dedicated and friendly."

-Mr. Tom Downs, principal



Anticipating his turn, senior Nathan Jorgenson waits in line to place his football memento on the "J." Faculty nominated those students chosen to offer an object representative of their club or organization. Mementos varied from trophies, photos and team jerseys to the swimming teams' flippers and kick board. Forty-one mementos were placed inside the circle, representing all the extra-curricular activities at JHS. photo by Emily Gelormino

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Dan Flannery shakes hands with athletic director Mr. Jim Mahoney as he receives an award recognizing his participation in the boys' state swim meet. photo by Emily Gelormino

Enjoying their breakfast, senior board members Lara Newsom and Andy Offenburger eat with guest speaker and their former teacher Brian Donahue. Junior/Senior board members watched as what had taken months to prepare was consumed in minutes. photo by Kim Ruisch

graduation was overwhelmed WITH HEAT

Stagnant air made for an uncomfortable ceremony

Spread by Ross Anderson, Lissa Smith and Mark Stookey

Commencement 1994. "Pomp and Circumstance" could be heard in the background as 147 purple hats and gowns paraded to their seats in anticipation of receiving their diplomas.

"I was throwing up before the ceremony with the flu and let me just say, the heat didn't make me feel much better," said graduate Tyson Iles.

The heat index seemed to be on the minds of many. As one looked into the stands all that could be seen were white commencement programs fanning the glistening faces of friends and relatives.

Despite the heat, excitement was still in the air. Graduates were caught contemplating the amount of cash and goods they raked in at their open house while Mrs. MaryAnn Nielsen spoke on behalf of the 99 Dollars for Scholars recipients.

Student speakers, graduate Kim Ruisch and graduate Joe McClung, added a lighter side to the situation as Ruisch joked about the suggestion that she use her mother's tulip queen speech and Joe referred to the Mountain Dew commercial: did it, done it and savored it.

Graduate Doug Kruse said, "The only thing I was surprised with was the fact that Joe didn't take off his shirt."

Smiles broke out as the first row of graduates rose and began walking across the stage. Principal Tom Downs' words of, "Shake with your right, grab with your left," rang in

the ears of graduates as their names were read by Mr. Dale Doudna. Doudna earned the world record time for reading 147 names in full as excited relatives ignored the senior asterisk requesting no shouting or whistling during the ceremony.

"My entire family was in from Cedar Falls and I kept hoping they wouldn't whistle anything. As I walked across the stage I heard a faint 'yeah Tammy' coming from my mother," said graduate Tammy Babcock.

Senior Class President Jeremy Rinchart motioned the flipping of the tassel and chorus members were led by Mrs. Jody White for the last time. The song, "You'll Never Walk Alone," brought tears to the eyes of many.

Finally it was time for the hats to be thrown. Purple and gold filled the gymnasium and

graduates searched to find their own cap. This became difficult for graduate Toby Baker, "As I watched all of the caps fly through the air, I saw one permanently lodge itself into the into the gym rafters and immediately knew it was mine," said Toby Baker.

Graduates then exited the gym two by two and crowded into the stuffy, heat-infested student center. Hugs were being given and tears were falling with the mixture of pain and happiness felt with the idea of leaving high school, friends and security and starting over from the beginning once again. **Story by Lissa Smith and Ross Anderson**



Senior Doug Kruse eagerly shakes the hand of superintendent Dr. Richard Sundblad. Receiving a signed diploma was a major concern of graduating seniors as many were seen checking for the signatures of school officials. photo by Steve Ring



"I could hardly wait for graduation to end because I knew my new, special friend Rick Barney was eating pasta and cheesecake at my open house waiting for my return home."

-Jill Foley, senior



Graduate Shannon McClure and her sister, Katie McClure, block everything around them out while Shannon reflects back on her four years at Johnston. Others around them including graduates Doug Kruse and Shanna Galloway congratulate one another with hugs. McClure was one of two \$1,000 Dollars for Scholars recipients. Commencement began at 3:00 p.m. on May, 29 following the Baccalaureate service. The class flower was the white rose and colors were purple and silver.
photo by Steve Ring

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graduation



A rush of emotions surround graduate David Block as he shares a hug with his mom. This was a common sight as the relatives of graduates poured into the student center after graduation ceremonies. This was the final year for the ceremonies to be held in the old gymnasium. photo by Mark Stookey

Getting ready for commencement, Mrs. Pat Westcott places a few bobby pins on senior Carrie Fowler's cap. Many female graduates were seen having problems keeping their caps in place, making bobby pins a necessity.
photo by Steve Ring

local news

Norwalk witnesses murders

It was just like out of a movie. The perfect little houses all in a row, children running around, friends chatting on the sidewalk. An all-American neighborhood. Norwalk, Iowa, being one of the least likely places for it to happen, everyone was caught off-guard when the murders occurred.

The slayings were committed at 1009 Aspen Drive in Norwalk. The bodies of Jolene Forsyth, 39, and her three children—Brian, 18, Nikki, 17, and Jessica, 9—were found, along with two other children staying at the residence—Martina Napodano, 9, and her sister Helen, 7. Rick Forsyth, 42, the estranged husband of Jolene, was found in critical condition and the only one alive in the house. The incident was ruled an apparent murder-suicide.

Kevin Rinehart, Jolene's brother, found the bodies at 1:00 p.m. on June 15, 1993. After being unable to contact his sister by telephone or knocking on the door, he broke into the house and found the bodies.

Apparently Rick had been mortified by the couples pending divorce. He told neighbors, "If I can't have her (Jolene), no one can." After a lengthy investigation, Rick Forsyth was charged with first-degree murder of his three children, his wife, and the two children. The original trial date was set for February 21, 1994, but was postponed after the prosecution requested a change because a key witness was unable to attend. It was rescheduled for March 14, and then moved back again in order to give the defense time to question the prosecution's DNA expert. The date was then set for March 21 in Cedar Rapids. **Story by Shannon Smith**

In the backyard of the DeBoer home, Jessica DeBoer plays on her swing set. The court decision to return Jessica to her birth parents after two years was the cause of a controversial and emotional debate concerning children's rights. photo by *TIME*, July 31, 1993

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raging summer FLOODS



Two Des Moines residents watch as the water levels continue to rise in the streets of downtown Des Moines. The Grand Prix, which was supposed to occur the weekend of July 10, was cancelled due to the high waters. The barricades that were set up for the race were used as a barrier against threatening flood waters. photo by Newsweek, July 26, 1993

"Woo ah, woo ah, that's the sound of the man working on the chain gang...." One could almost feel the rhythm when swinging the sand bags, hour after hour, day after day. The rains just wouldn't let up. The Great Flood of 1993 went down in history as a time of devastation and a time when neighbor was seen helping neighbor.

The crest on the Mississippi River was three feet above the highest ever recorded. Peoples' homes and businesses were drowned in a slug of mud and water. Many restaurants were closed due to food sanitation measures, and Downtown looked more like a ghost town than a busy working area for more than a week. No one could outguess Mother Nature.

Water had to be trucked in by the Iowa National Guard to 100 different sites when the Des Moines Water Works was shut down because of a

levee break near the Raccoon River. Potable water wasn't fully restored until a month later.

Not only did the floods bring mud and mess, it brought President Clinton. He cut short his vacation in Hawaii to arrive in Des Moines to a sign that read, "ALOHA, BILL. WELCOME TO THE OTHER BIG ISLAND." Clinton toured the flood-ravaged Des Moines area by helicopter and foot. After his twelve years as governor of Arkansas looking at flooded areas he said, "I've never seen anything on this scale before." Clinton declared all 99 counties of Iowa federal disaster areas. He announced that he would ask Congress for \$2.5 billion in flood relief.

The floods did have positive effects; at Iowa Methodist Medical Center the number of trauma cases went down. President David Ramsey explained, "People are helping out and are not out on motorcycles drinking beer and acting crazy." The only acts of craziness were changing the state motto from that of "Iowa-A Place to Grow," to "Iowa-A Place to Row." Story by Shannon Smith

fight for baby jessica

With the beautiful two-year-old's face featured on every news story, newspaper and magazine cover, it was difficult not to get involved with the saga of Jessica DeBoer's future. The question was raised so poignantly when looking at the child: "What was best for Baby Jessica?"

Cara Schmidt was 28 and single when she became pregnant. Unable to bear children herself, Roberta DeBoer, along with her husband Jan, was ecstatic to find a child ready to be adopted in Iowa. She and her mother drove from Ann Arbor, Michigan, to meet the infant girl. Cara Schmidt signed the necessary papers, and the adoption would have become final in six weeks.

The father of two other children by two different women, Dan Schmidt was notified of the existence of his third child shortly after her birth. The Schmidts began to have second thoughts about giving up their child and filed a request for her return to them.

Appalled and shocked, the DeBoers decided to fight. The Iowa court decision upheld the rights of the birth parents and ordered Jessica's return to them. After a successful appeal by the DeBoers to a Michigan court, the decision was overruled, and Jessica was given a final two weeks with the DeBoers.

Although the fight had been long and disappointing, the DeBoers handled the situation with grace and kindness, showing the love they had for Jessica. Jessica cried as she was taken from Roberta's arms and handed over to the Schmidts.

People all over the country watched and wondered about the best interests of the child in a case such as Baby Jessica's. As she began her new life, the debate continued about whether Jessica should have been raised by the people with whom she had spent her first years or by those who had first given her the gift of life. Story by Kim Ruisch

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NAFTA passes

President Clinton addresses a group in Dallas trying to rally support for passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement. photo by *TIME*, November 15, 1993



On December 8, 1993, President Clinton signed and approved the controversial North American Free Trade Agreement. The pact dissolved most trade borders between Canada, the United States and Mexico. The road to passage of the agreement had been a rocky one, generating strong opinions and bizarre political alliances.

At the head of the opposition was former presidential candidate Ross Perot. Perot argued the passing of NAFTA would have a negative effect on American business, taking away jobs and hurting the economy. Together with some labor unions, Perot designed an "air war" of talk-show appearances, telephone banks and television ads to create opposition to the agreement. An unlikely team appeared with House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt voicing his concerns about the harmful results possible with the passage of NAFTA, the most pressing concern being working conditions of new employees.

In response, President Bill Clinton began a campaign advocating NAFTA's approval by the House and Senate. Appearing the most aggressive since his presidential campaign, Clinton travelled to several cities to speak and rally support. He, along with Senate GOP Leader Bob Dole, argued that NAFTA's passage would help American business while giving Mexico a much-needed stimulant to its economy. An example was seen in Europe where a pact similar to NAFTA had caused poorer countries such as Spain and Portugal to benefit from the tearing down of trade barriers.

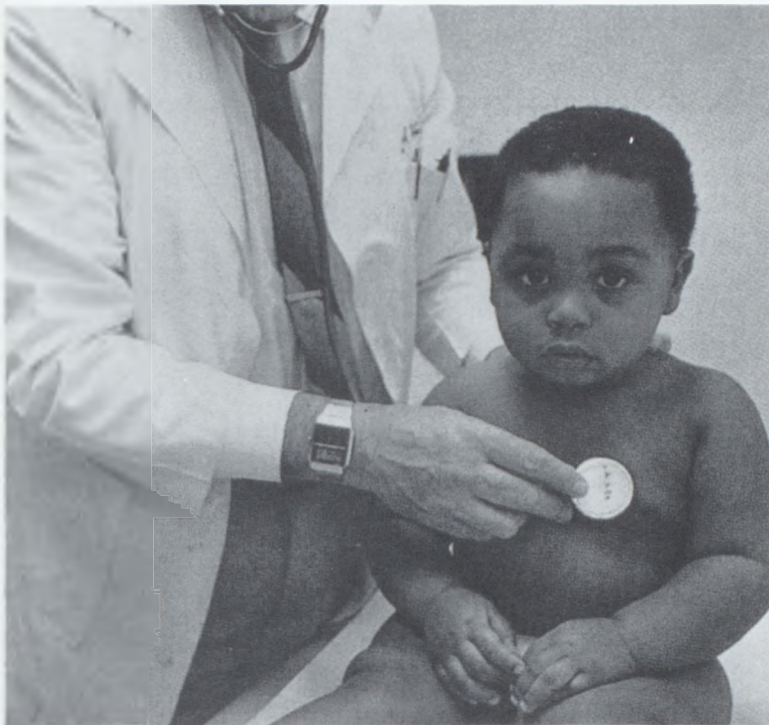
After a lengthy debate, the pact received Congress' approval, opening doors of trade and giving many Americans a new confidence in their Chief Executive. **Story by Kim Ruisch**

Two Northridge firefighters crawl into the collapsed Northridge Meadow Apartments in Northridge. One tenant described her experience, "I felt a sensation of falling. But until I actually saw what was on the outside, I really wasn't aware that it had totally crushed the first floor." photo by *Time*, January 31, 1994

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President Bill Clinton presented his health-care reform plan before Congress in September. Clinton's plan would guarantee health coverage for every American. The reform projected savings of nearly \$200 billion a year, a figure several top officials termed as "optimistic."
photo by TIME, September 20, 1993

controversial HEALTH-CARE

On September 29, President Clinton addressed the nation with a plan that aimed to completely renovate the health-care system in America. The health-care reform, resulting largely from the work of Hillary Rodham Clinton, would ignite strong support and opposition from Americans.

As proposed in Clinton's plan, every American would be guaranteed health-care and insurance. It advocated considerable cuts in Medicare, the nation's health program for the elderly, but projected direct return with new benefits. It predicted savings of nearly \$200 billion a year, a figure several top officials termed as "optimistic."

A prominent objective of the plan would increase the usage of HMOs, health-care organizations offering yearly packages with fixed prices. These "health alliances" would exist as large organizations representing a given region and would

team up with insurance companies to develop such packages. Upon purchasing this type of plan the patient would forfeit the ability to choose a specific doctor. Selection of a medical professional outside the alliance would be possible but costly.

Presentation of the reform brought support and opposition. Doctors became concerned with the prospect that their medical profession would cease being a self-employed occupation. The cigarette industry roared in defiance at Clinton's proposed "sin tax," which would raise the cost of a pack about a dollar. Meanwhile, many were thrilled with the prospect of every American getting equal care and coverage.

During his speech Clinton had charged the nation with the urgency to act. And although most Americans agreed with Clinton when he termed the nation's health-care system as one "badly broken" and in urgent need of fixing, not all believed his reform was the one to pursue. **Story by Kim Ruisch**

earthquake and fires

Devastation and destruction were two words that could describe what had taken place in California. They started in November by the Santa Ana winds. They were aggravated by a few arsonists. They were the California fires.

Six years of drought had taken their toll on the land. The fires started in more than a dozen locations. Much of the worst devastation occurred at Laguna Beach, where more than 318 homes were destroyed at a loss of \$270 million dollars. Arson was the suspected cause of the fire.

Firefighters used everything from water bombs to bulldozers. Captain Joe Luna of the Ventura County Fire Department said, "You feel the radiant heat and you say to yourself, 'We're not going to stop this puppy.' You're awe-struck by what nature can do, and you're scared witless. You live to do battle with the enemy. We love that stuff." That stuff charred over 700 buildings and caused over \$500 million in damage.

As soon as California had started to pick up the pieces and get on with life, they were stopped in their tracks. At 4:31 a.m. on Monday, January 24, an earthquake rocked the Northridge area, with a magnitude of 6.6 on the Richter Scale. What in reality lasted only 30 seconds seemed to drag on for hours in some minds. A Sherman Oaks apartment building, three stories tall at 4:30 a.m., was then crushed to one level in one minute.

After more than 1,000 aftershocks, Californians were still trying to recover from their losses. Many counted their blessings for coming out alive. Martin Luther King's birthday was celebrated on the same day as the earthquake, the holiday causing businesses to close for the day. Reflecting on the fortunate timing, Sakina Ellis of Northridge said, "Just think of all the damage that could have been done if it wasn't his birthday and people were going about their business as usual. He made this a better place. He saved souls." **Story by Shannon Smith**

global news

Israel glimpses peace

Yassar Arafat together with Yitzhak Rabin signed the Israeli Peace Accords in September. photo by U.S. News and World Report, September 13, 1993



After decades of conflict, signs of peace between Palestine and Israel showed on the White House lawn. For the first time since the creation of the State of Israel in 1948, the two had done the unthinkable and drawn up negotiations. The world watched as on September 13, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yassar Arafat shook hands over the Israeli Peace Accords.

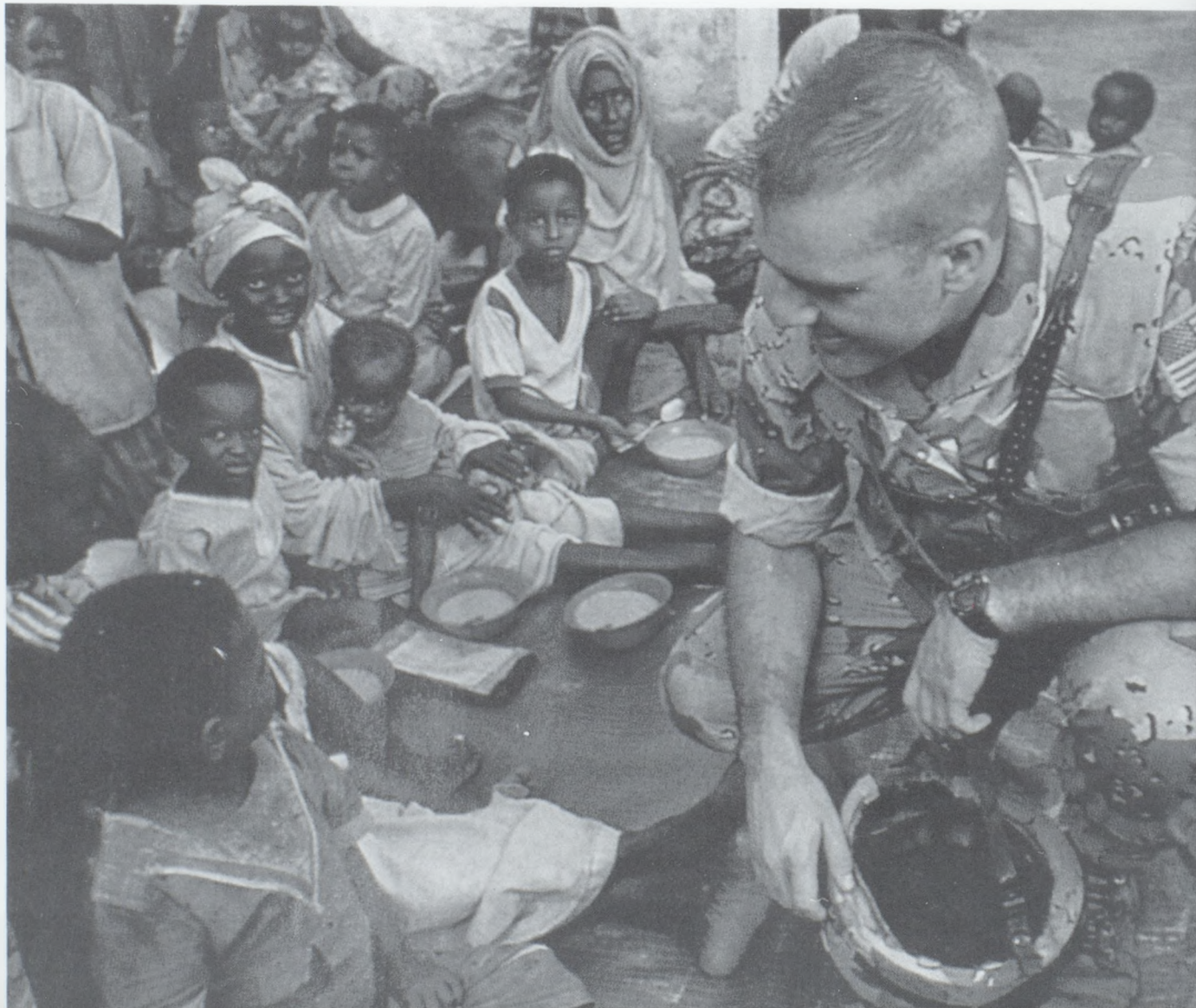
Among other items, the deal insured Israel's deployment of its military forces and occupation administration from the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho within four months of signing the agreement. Within nine months the Palestinians would be able to hold internationally supervised elections for a replacement council. Although opposition arose on both sides, many Palestinians and Israelis expressed their support of the hopeful step towards healing.

For the next five months the two sides inched toward peace. Then, once again, the fragility of peace was broken on February 26, when Baruch Goldstein entered a mosque in Hebron, shooting 43 worshipping Arabs. The killings ignited violence on the West Bank; by the end of the weekend at least 20 more people were dead.

Anger resulting from the massacre flared on both sides. Palestinian Khalil Aziz yelled to the streets of Jerusalem, "God help us murder every Jew one by one, until they are gone." Said Rabbi Yaacov Pernin at Goldstein's funeral, "One million Arabs are not worth a Jewish fingernail."

Although the agreement had postponed negotiations concerning Jewish settlements in Palestine until three years into the five-year process, Arafat then said focus should immediately turn to removal of 130,000 Jews from Palestine. The pressure was on both leaders to finish what they had begun; there was no avenue in which to turn back. **Story by Kim Ruisch**

An American soldier assists in feeding Somali children. Many involved in the effort were expecting a peaceful mission and were not prepared for the conflict they encountered in the hunger-stricken nation. photo by TIME, October 18, 1993



winter OLYMPICS



At a press conference figure skater Nancy Kerrigan discusses her injury and upcoming plans. Kerrigan was clubbed in the right knee at Nationals on January 6. Tonya Harding plead guilty to a conspiracy charge on March 16. Harding was fined \$100,000 and was required to perform 500 hours of community service. photo by *Newsweek*, January 17, 1994

East met West, North met South, and it all went smoothly. One thousand nine hundred and two of the world's athletes gathered in Lillehammer, Norway, the site of the 1994 Olympic Winter Games.

Although the U.S. did not end the games they way it began them, with Tommy Moe winning a gold medal in men's downhill skiing, it did win 13 medals, placing fifth overall.

Medal hopeful Tonya Harding's performance was marred in the final rounds of women's figure skating by a broken shoelace. The shoelace was repaired and Harding finished in eighth place, six places behind silver medalist Nancy Kerrigan. Kerrigan, who rebounded from a battered right knee, suffered at the National Championships, skated what she thought was the "best technical and free program of her life," losing the gold medal by only one tenth of a point to Oksana Baiul of the Ukraine. In Kerrigan's

words she "skated flawlessly" in her \$13,000 costume.

A price tag came on everything including the cost of years of perseverance. The speed skating track proved to be worth its weight in gold when speed skaters Dan Jansen and Bonnie Blair brought home some gold of their own. On his fourth trip to the Olympic Games Jansen brought home a gold medal. Blair commented on her fourth and last trip by saying, "When I was on the medal podium, and they were halfway through the national anthem, it hit me. I thought, 'This is the last time I'll hear the anthem in this spot.'"

As the Norway National Anthem played for the last time and the 17th Olympics came to an end, tiny Lillehammer, whose population had grown from 22,495 to over 100,000 spectators, villagers and athletes, said goodbye to their new-found friends. Although the flame was extinguished, a glow still remained in the little village and within the people who had stayed there. **Story by Shannon Smith**

hunger pangs bring intervention

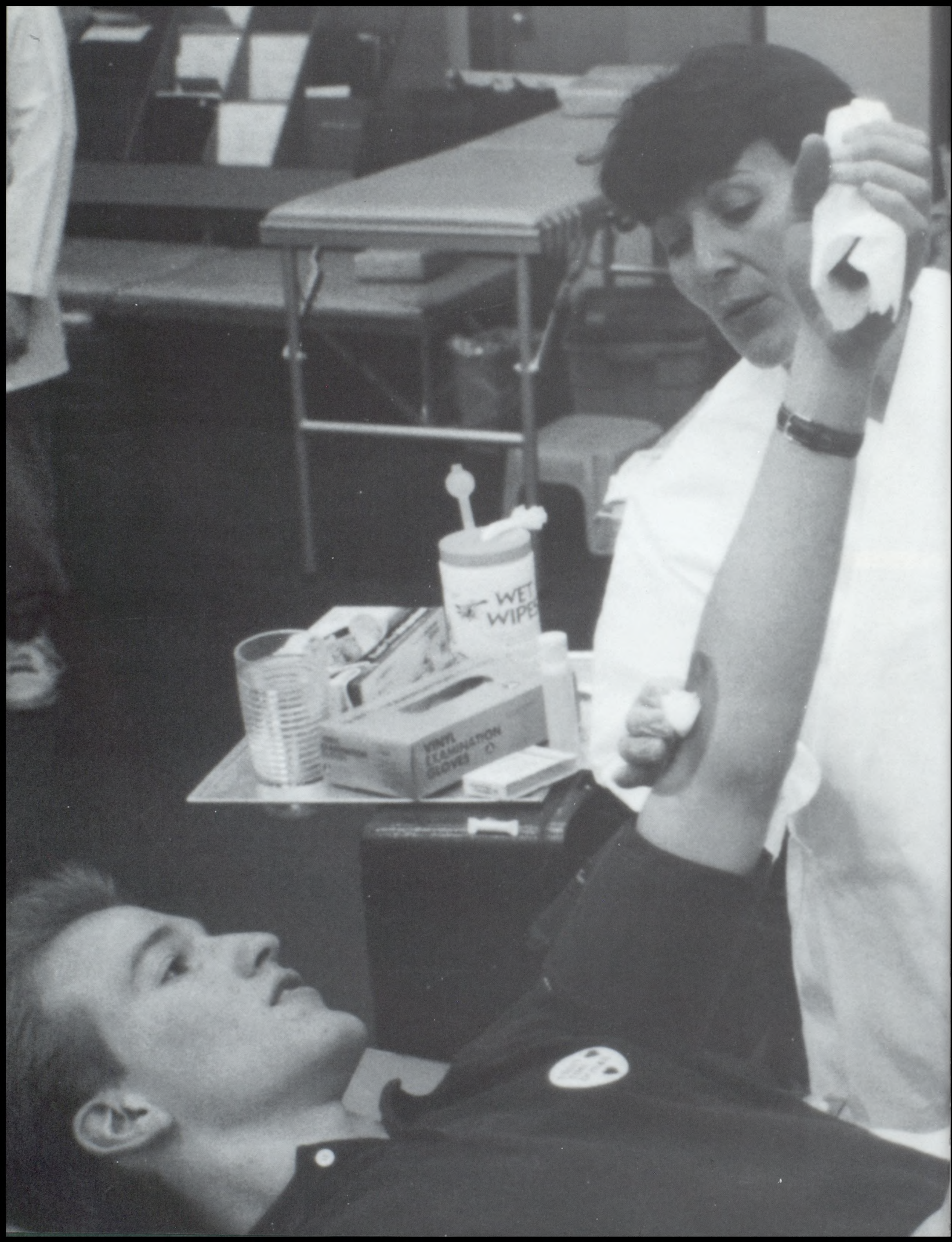
Lying on a wooden bed in a darkened room, naked except for a piece of cloth, U.S. helicopter pilot Michael Durant told two journalists and a Red Cross worker of his experiences on October 3 in the Somali city of Mogadishu. He explained how his helicopter had been shot down, himself then being beaten violently by Somalis. Carrying him naked, bound and blindfolded through the streets, the Somalis paraded triumphantly through Mogadishu with their hostage. Durant told reporters that those caring for him (close aids to Somali warlord Mohammed Farrah Aidid) had given him a "history lesson" during his stay. "When you don't live here, you can't understand what's going on in this country. We Americans have tried to help. But at one point things turned bad," said Durant.

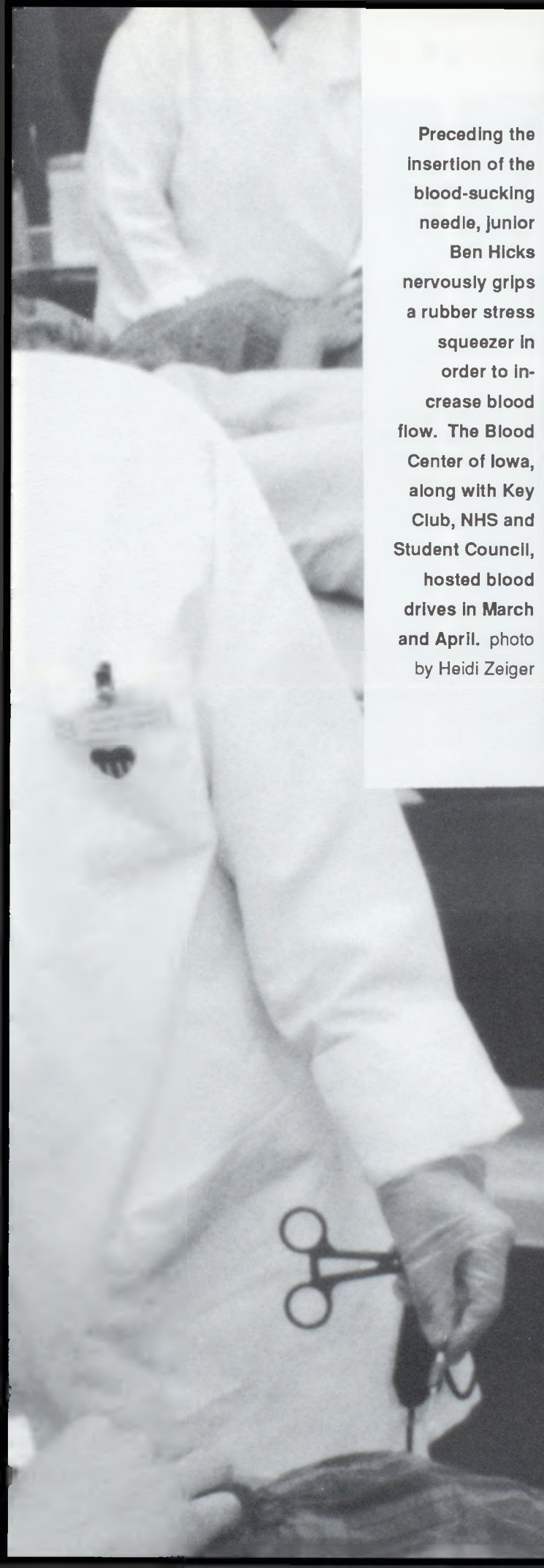
America watched in horror, confusion and disbelief as the terrified face of Durant haunted news stories. What had started as a humanitarian effort to provide food to a starving people had shifted violently to a bloody conflict.

The effort had begun congenially. America was intervening to feed an impoverished African land, the first U.S. troops landing on Somalia's beaches in December, and the restoration efforts began. However, something went wrong, and an act of assistance suddenly turned into a murderous battle against hate-filled Somalis.

In the October 3 raid on Mogadishu, U.S. forces aimed to locate Aidid. The day ended with a loss of 18 American lives and 75 wounded, and Aidid was never found. Shortly afterward, Clinton resolved to abandon the plan to find the elusive Aidid and opted to concentrate on getting all American troops out by March 31.

Like so many times before, America was left questioning its role in global intervention, this time while the casualty count rose and children cried in hunger. **Story by Kim Ruisch**





Preceding the
insertion of the
blood-sucking
needle, Junior
Ben Hicks
nervously grips
a rubber stress
squeezer in
order to in-
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flow. The Blood
Center of Iowa,
along with Key
Club, NHS and
Student Council,
hosted blood
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and April. photo
by Heidi Zeiger

organizations. you smiled

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you slept in boxes and froze your rear • you were

elected • you felt cold pricklies • you danced for

wishes • you reaffirmed your faith in human-

kind • you were late for the meeting • you

collected cans • you were inducted • you

changed things • you saw boys in brassieres •

you added to the problem • you prayed

Spread by Lissa Smith and Tara Guttridge

KNOWING THE FACTS

Academic Team and Decathlon members used their smarts to prevail

Question #1: What was the main philosophy of Mahatma Ghandi?

Question #2: Which mountain has a total relief in excess of 30,000 feet?

Students who participated in Academic Decathlon should recall answering questions similar to these. Questions pertained to subjects ranging from the twenty documents of freedom to the Seneca Falls Declaration.

The team, made up of nine members, three "A" students (grade point average higher than 3.75), three "B" students (between 3.0 and 3.74) and three "C" students (below 3.0), participated in academic competition February 19 at Johnston.

The team did better point wise than ever before. Several students received individual medals in various categories. They included seniors Mike Remer, Grady Tibboel, Jenny Smith, Jason Cox, Ross Anderson and junior De Ann Hart. This proved that reviewing Super Quiz cards, watching art slides and eating Jolly Ranchers at practice paid off.

The actual competition included written tests in economics, fine arts, language and literature, mathematics, science and social science. They also wrote an essay in fifty minutes, gave prepared and impromptu speeches and interviewed with judges.

The team closed out the competition with Super Quiz, a "Jeopardy"-style event that included an audience, with WHO weatherman Gary Amble reading questions and tallying the scores.

"Academic Decathlon gives you a pretty working knowledge of a few different topics," said senior Sam Noble. "I got into it late so really didn't glean what I might have, but the topics are cool and it's worth the time people put into it."

Academic Team was another organization involving many of the same students. This organization focused mainly on quiz bowls.

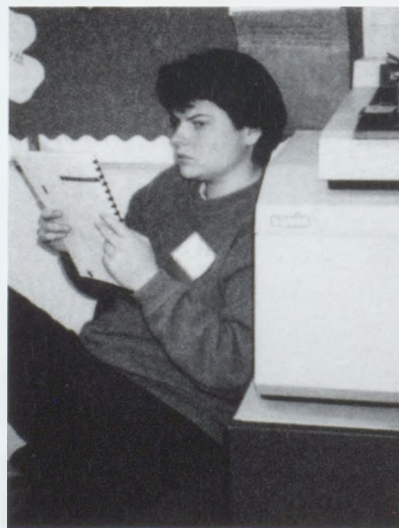
Quiz bowls used the traditional "buzzer" formats in addition to the use of computers. The multitude of competition formats seemed to add to the excitement of the organization.

Senior Mike Remer said, "The computer rounds become a yelling match. People are yelling 'A,' 'definitely B' and 'I think it's C.' When we put in the wrong answer there is always someone who says, 'I knew it was D.'"

Academic Team participated in a variety of quiz bowls including the LHC Quiz Bowl, the Heartland Quiz Bowl and the "Auk" Knowledge Master.

"The Auk is actually a bird that someone chose to represent the Knowledge Master. It's really a play-on-words. The quiz bowl itself contains words such as Aukcellent and Aukalloids to you for correctly answered questions," said Coach Pamela Johnson.

Depending upon whether one enjoyed answering Super Quiz questions or having the word Aukcellent flash on a computer screen, Academic Team and Decathlon proved to be organizations that provided amusement while educating. Story by Lissa Smith and Tara Guttridge



After spending the morning taking tests and giving speeches, fatigued senior Jenny Smith prepares herself for the Super Quiz portion of the Academic Decathlon. She reviews her booklet, reading a few of the topics she will be quizzed over in the moments to come. Smith received a gold medal in the fine arts and a silver in the speech portion of the competition. photo by Lissa Smith



"Super Quiz was fun because Gary Amble couldn't pronounce a lot of the words. It put a lighter side to a stressful situation."

- Dawn Liekweg, '94

academic team/ decathlon

february 19- academic decathlon competition at johnston high school proved to be successful team members received 12 medals

february 13- practice in room 23a, members listened to mike remer regurgitate super quiz cards

february 6- nine team members finished off a jar of flavorful jolly ranchers during practice

february 19- academic decathlon held at johnston high school where team members answered questions and gave speeches.

april 19- little hawkeye conference quiz bowl

november 23- one of three teams participated at heartland quiz bowl

april 19- quiz bowl at norwalk. team members answered questions over all kinds of topics.

april 20- knowledge master quiz bowl



ACADEMIC TEAM. Grady Tibboel, Joel Noble, De Ann Hart, Brent Routson. **ROW 2.** Dawn Liekweg, Robin Sanders, Doug Langworthy, Sam Noble. **ROW 3.** Mike Remer, Chad Stamps, Michael Martin, Joshua Clapp, Shon Olson.



ACADEMIC DECATHLON. Eric Abbey, Jenny Smith, Grady Tibboel, Sam Noble. **ROW 2.** Jason Cox, Mike Remer, Ross Anderson, Dawn Liekweg, De Ann Hart.



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BELIEVE IN ME

FCA and SADD find strength in group faith, friendship and fun

Members were attracted to both FCA and SADD by their strong personal beliefs. SADD's stance against drinking and FCA's strong belief in God were not shared by all the high school students, so members joined them to have a way to express their ideas with others who felt the same way. FCA member and sophomore Renee Ebke said, "No one can make fun of my beliefs or strong morals there. It's nice to know that you have good Christian friends."

Participants of FCA found out that being a Christian didn't mean not having fun as they played various games at their meetings. These games were often used as ice breakers so members would become more comfortable around each other and feel free to discuss their feelings about God with each other. One ice breaker involved one person tempting another with a scrumptious doughnut on a string while the other person down on their knees tried to get a bite. Junior Danny Bright said, "I've never seen Megan Bengard open her mouth that huge before. She just kept shoving and shoving the doughnut in her mouth. Pieces of it flew onto the floor."

Meetings weren't always light-hearted. Devotionals were given with topics such as God's love and self-denial. President and senior Kim Ruisch spoke of her mission trip to Mexico how she learned God wanted to know her more. Meetings were ended with group prayer led by various members who volunteered. Sophomore Tim Halling said, "I usually would feel uncomfortable in a group like that praying outloud, but I wasn't. The group makes each other feel good about praying."

Although not as large as FCA, SADD members also felt comfortable because of their common beliefs against drinking. Sophomore Courtney Johnson said, "It shows that there is an alternative to drinking. You don't need to drink to have fun because not everyone drinks."

Many of SADD's members had been directly affected by the effects of alcohol and joined the group because of it. Junior Misti Strome said, "I joined because my dad is a recovering alcoholic and I thought it would benefit my relationship with him and myself. Then this year I became vice-president to try to do more things than in the past. I'm involved in ALATEEN and thought I could bring new ideas to SADD."

Since some members had seen the effects of alcoholism firsthand in their lives, SADD decided to do something for kids who had been hurt by alcohol. Junior Carey Hargens said, "Heather Wheeler's dad got us a list of people who were in jail for drunk driving so we bought their kids presents for Christmas. These kids don't receive many presents and suffer from their parents mistakes."

Strong beliefs kept SADD and FCA active and encouraged others to become involved. Both groups' importance was expressed through their time and effort, and their message became apparent. Story by Tara Guttridge and Heidi Johns



With her arms full of presents Junior Sarah Cattoor looks for a bag in which to put them. SADD members bought and wrapped the gifts for children whose parents were in jail for drunk driving. photo by Tara Guttridge



"The first meeting that I went to was really fun. It encouraged me to go to other meetings. FCA is a fun way to learn about God."

- May - Lee Beckham, '96

sadd

october 24 - 30 - red ribbon week

december 20 - wrapped presents for children of prisoners in for drunk driving

april 24 - boogied down at a high school dance

fca

september - sprawled out on dogwood circle to play the ha-ha game at kim and ryan ruisch's house

october 21 - walked on eggs, threw life savers, ate peaches and belched at sarah schoper's house

november 4 - dangled doughnuts at greg olsen's house

november 18 - played "honey, if you love me, won't you please smile" at pat mcgowan's house

december 18 - baked yummy treats

march 1 - ate pizza and watched the basketball guys get sweaty

may - fca banquet



SADD. Marisa Baumgarn, Carey Hargens, Misti Strome. **ROW 2.** Jodi Hill, Amanda Fox, Lisa Gentile, Nicole Buban, Michelle Shattuck, Sara Hill.

FCA. Tara Guttridge, Joann Stark, Jodi Hill, Megan Bengard, Libby Herrmann, Leanna Morris. **ROW 2.** Amy Brehmer, Jamie Mai, Sheri Winrich, Stacia Purviance, May-Lee Beckham, Kristy Wilges, Casey Coleman, Katie Hoss, Renee Ebke. **ROW 3.** Danielle Carroll, Christopher Stafford, Christy Buchmeier, Tom Caswell, Pat McGowan, Chris Kroeger, Tyler Buitenwerf, Danny Bright, Kim Ruisch, Heidi Zeiger. **ROW 4.** Shannon Smith, Greg Olsen, Tim Halling, Derek Trobaugh, Matt Simpson, Nick Iwig, S.W. Winrich, John Davis.

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photo by
Tara
Guttridge



Spread by Emily Gelormino

ANDY SHORES

mock trial students prosecuted and defended gymnast

"Sandy Shores grew up in the small town of Dinsmore, North Carolina. She lived in a Norman Rockwell painting. She wanted to be a gymnast before she could even do her first headstand. Sandy was a kind, young and innocent woman. Everyone loved Sandy and her morals until a jealous editor of the Clarion college newspaper, decided to print intrusive lies about Sandy and caused her to lose her desire to compete." Junior Aaron Gilmore's opening statement for the plaintiff prepared Waukee for the mock trial case they were about to lose.

"Opening statements are great," said Gilmore. "You get to talk to the judge personally, and what you say sets the tone for the entire trial." This year's case was a debate over false information in the newspaper versus freedom of the press. Sandy Shores, a college student and gymnast, was diagnosed in the hospital as having mononucleosis but was accused in the college newspaper as having AIDS.

Teams of lawyers and witnesses were decided after only a week of 7:00 a.m. practices, and they set to work with their coaches to create arguments against the competitors. "Our coaches helped us a lot by getting involved and demonstrating direct and cross examinations of the witnesses. Gordy Allen especially taught us what type of attitude to use and how to word our questions," said sophomore Beth Marvin. Lawyers Allen and Jim Holcomb diverted from their busy schedules to assist the three teams. Most agreed that the coaches were helpful because they expected a lot and didn't settle for anything less than what they knew the team could achieve.

Junior Jennifer Gray said, "Gordy's famous quote helped everyone remember the importance of preparation. He always told us, 'If you fail to prepare, you prepare to fail.' I think that really encouraged us to make everything as perfect as it could be."

Members of the team that played the parts of lawyers prepared for competition by discussing and contemplating all possible arguments they could point out against their opponents. Witnesses, too, went through extensive practices and were required to memorize their affidavits. They also had to decide the different kinds of questions which their cross examiner could ask them. "Playing the part of both a witness and a lawyer was challenging," said freshman Emily Brown. "In a way, though, it was kind of easier because I knew what kind of questions I would be asked when I was a witness, and when I was a lawyer I knew how the witness would answer."

Due to the hard work put forth by most team members, the three mock trial teams were excited when they discovered that each team had qualified for the district run-offs.

While for some mock trial was just an extracurricular activity, for others it would affect the rest of their lives. Senior Mike Remer said, "I'm really going to miss mock trial next year since I've participated in it for the past six years. My six years of practice will surely help me next year when I attend the University of Iowa to major in Business Law."

Story by Emily Gelormino



Senior Mike Remer tries to convince the judges during his opening statement that his client is innocent. Remer earned excellent marks from the judges for his opening statement. photo by Emily Gelormino



"Being in mock trial is a little like being in debate. The only difference is that in mock trial the other guy can't interrupt you."

- Sam Noble, '94



"We were a little disappointed that we weren't in the top four at state competition, but sixth place out of 190 teams isn't too shabby."

- Robin Sanders, '96

mock trial

december 20 - mock trial case was received and passed out

january 3-14 - everyone interested attended the 7:00 a.m. practices and their abilities were observed by the coaches

january 17 - the lists of parts were posted and members started rehearsing

february 9 - guest speaker mary ann licteig from the *des moines register* spoke to the group about freedom of the press

march 2 - members competed in district regionals at the drake olmsted center

march 3 - each of the three teams competed in district run-offs which were held at johnston high school

march 25 - one of the three teams competed in the state competition at drake university



MOCK TRIAL. Emily Skow, Amy Lingenfelder, Meghan Mandsager, Emily Brown, Grady Tibboel. **ROW 2.** Kristin Warren, Robin Sanders, Beth Marvin, Marisa Hansen, Rhiannon Thoreson, Bryan Stennes. **ROW 3.** Jim Wynn, Sam Noble, Brian Freeman, Beau Brindley, Jason Schissel, Jason Matkins. **NOT PICTURED.** Jeff Allen, Kellie Barney, Emily Betz, Bryan Burkhardt, Jason Cox, Jessica Dawson, Aaron Echtenkamp, Justin Ehm, Megan Franck, Jennifer Gray, Aaron Gilmore, Rachel Graaf, Jason Meade, Seamus Murphy, Ben Oviatt, Jason Ranker, Mike Remer.



Sophomore Marisa Hansen and freshman Jason Meade review their notes before presenting their opening statement for the judges. Both Hansen and Meade qualified for the district run-offs held at Johnston High School. photo by Ross Anderson

PICK AND CHOOSE

Self-directed learning allows students to explore personal interests

The students sat around a table as they read "The Would Be Gentleman," by Moliere. Suddenly at the end of an act a shrill of music cut the air. "Whenever there was a dance break Jim Wynn would bring out his harmonica and play a song," said freshman Emily Betz.

Then, after watching college students perform their version of the play at the University of Iowa, the class boarded the school bus for the two and a half hour bus ride home. Once again these familiar sounds rang out. This time sophomore Chad Stamps provided the music. The students groaned as he played the same tune over and over. Stamps could only play one song.

This was just one of the many excursions taken by the ELP classes. "I liked taking field trips because you get to know everybody better. You got to experience something you didn't normally get to in school," said senior Jason Cox.

Studying Moliere's play was one project that ELP students did as a class. Other projects included Quiz Bowl, kite building and a study of the Supreme Court. Many of these projects were chosen directly by the students, one aspect that made the class unique. The students also chose how in depth to make each project. "We're going to do anything that the students won't be doing during high school," said ELP teacher Mrs. Pam Johnson. "Each semester students have the freedom to pursue their passion."

One of these chosen projects was Night of the Notables. Each student picked a person in history to represent. After researching the life of the selected historian the students prepared a monologue which they delivered as that person.

Second semester, ten students decided to explore an interest by competing in History Day. "At first we tried to back out but Mrs. Johnson threatened to fail us if we didn't compete," said sophomore Emily Skow. With only one week to prepare for the competition she, along with sophomore Kristin Warren, started their senior group media presentation about the Mississippi River. "We didn't sleep at all the night before the competition," said Skow. "We didn't think we'd get done."

They did finish and despite some audio difficulties the duo placed second at the regional level which meant that they advanced to the state competition. All together Johnston sent seven students to compete at the state level. The media presentation by Skow and Warren won second place and advanced to the national competition in Washington D.C. Fourth and fifth places were awarded to freshmen Christina Schwab, Betz, Brian Freeman and Jason Meade for their group displays. Freshman Jim Wynn also competed at the state level but did not place.

Another part of ELP was the completion of service projects. Some students volunteered to paint a map on the blacktop area of the Lawson Elementary School playground. Projects like these allowed ELP students to explore themselves, their interests and to leave their mark for all to see and hear. Story by Danielle Carroll and Jennifer Jones



Sophomore Michael Martin III struggles to rescue his kite. Martin made the kite himself as a part of a class project. The classes spent a few days assembling their kites. The students then tested their strength and durability by flying them in front of the school May 10. photo by Danielle Carroll



"The whole concept of murder mysteries was different than any project I've ever done before. Each person was assigned a character to learn about. The names of the characters are what is most memorable to me. One was named Cal Q. Later."

-Bethany Ashby, '96

elp

september 28-"night of the notables"
december-sent artifact box of 26 items from
jhs to another school
december 17-going away party for junior
matt pace and freshman andy pace
january 28-attended "inherit the wind"
may-built kites and took them for a testflight

history day

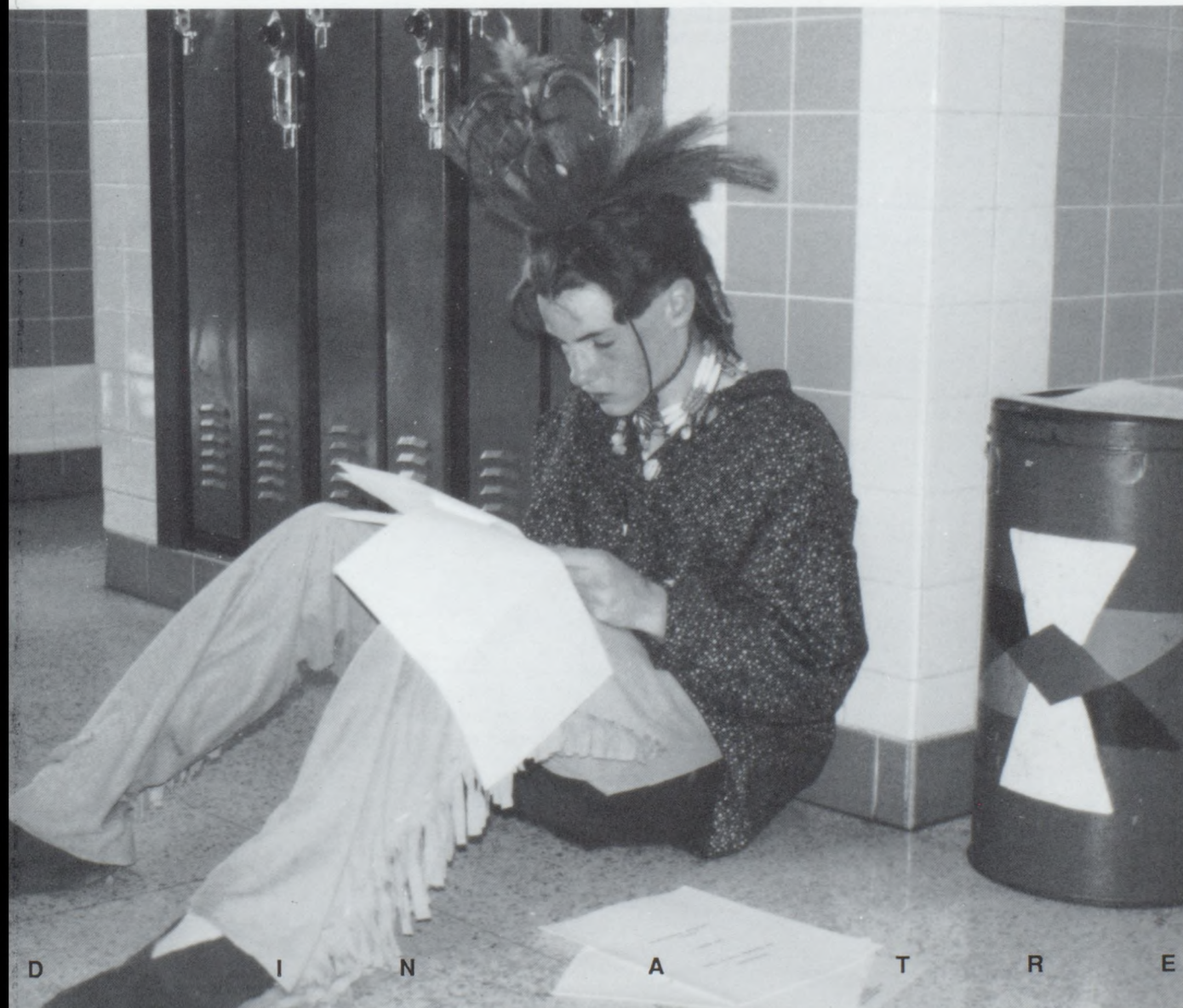
april 19-regional competition
may 7-state competition at the historical
building
june 12-national competition, washington d.c.



ELP. David Klipec, DeAnn Hart, Dawn Liekweg, Joel Noble, Emily Skow, Bethany Ashby, Robin Sanders. Row 2. Brian Freeman, Jason Meade, Jared Grant, Jim Wynn, Christina Schwab, Jessi Dawson, Megan Mandsager. Not Pictured. Emily Betz, Beau Brindley, Josh Clapp, Jason Cox, Jill Foley, Marisa Hansen, Michael Martin III, Whitney Mercer, Seamus Murphy, Sam Noble, Shon Olson, Andy Pace, Matt Pace, Mike Remer, Ryan Rohlf, Blake Roth, Brent Routson, Alyssa Samuelson, Chad Stamps.



History Day. Brian Freeman, DeAnn Hart, Jason Meade, Emily Skow, Kristin Warren, Jim Wynn, Christina Schwab. Not Pictured. Emily Betz, Sam Noble, Mike Remer.



Studying his lines one last time, freshman Jim Wynn prepares to present his History Day performance. Wynn opted to compete in the senior individual project category. His research was entitled "Disinherited: The Cherokee Trail of Tears." Wynn advanced to state competition by receiving second place at regionals. photo by Danielle Carroll

Spread by Danielle Carroll and Jill Foley

SUCKS AND BLOOD OF LIFE

Key Club and NHS serve fellow creatures with mighty hearts, hands and free food

It was the suckling of an entire community, viles upon viles of blood were collected...and then they got free pancakes and juice. Key Club and the National Honor Society each held their annual serum drives on March 29 and April 22. The blood drives were not the only linking endeavors between these service organizations as both contributed sweat and tears to the betterment of their community.

The local Kiwana's Club sponsored many Key Club activities, such as the successful pre-football game chili supper at the final home game. "Serving up soupy beans was an experience to remember," said senior lieutenant governor Grady Tibboel.

The experiences continued as Key Club embarked on the selling of Humani-Tees. "This was a difficult time," said Tibboel, "because everyone wanted those purple Dragon shirts for the state tournaments. This year's sales were not as successful as last."

The volunteers soon recovered for a few games of basketball at the Children's Habilitation Center. "It was really fun to work with these children," said junior Marisa Baumgarn. Members agreed in concert their desires to make more of the student population aware of Key Club and their efforts, including the harvesting of money for various scholarships such as those granted to members to attend a global Key Club meeting. Baumgarn said, "Last summer the international conference was held in New Orleans. This time it should be just as exciting because it's in San Antonio, Texas."

Though serving less frequently, the National Honor Society still sought ways to aid their fellow creatures through human immanence. They partied purple, painted houses, sold carnations and made several phone calls.

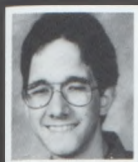
Valentine's Day carnations took many a lucky winner by surprise, including the sales people. "I waited until the very last day to sell my tickets and people offered me from two to five dollars just to get them," said senior Patrick Porto. "NHS made a lot of extra money due to my procrastination." With blossoms in white, pink and red, NHS sponsor Iris Scott headed the team of flower peddlers in their search for sweethearts during first hour classes.

With the spring winds came the finale of NHS—the blood drive and most importantly, the Dollars for Scholars phon-a-thon held April 18, 25 and May 9. Throughout these evenings, volunteers phoned the Johnston School District parents and community members in hopes of collecting enough money for those receiving the scholarships.

Key Club and NHS gave through service and the blood of life. They aided fellow human creatures with love flowing from hearts to hands and with free pancakes, cookies and healthy fruit juices. Story by Danielle Carroll and Jill Foley



To aid seniors in the post-graduate world, the Dollars for Scholars committee collected monies from local businesses and other fund-raisers to be distributed among all applicants. NHS members, including senior Andy Offenburger, Student Council and any other volunteers participated in the annual phon-a-thon held in April. photo by Kim Ruisch



"Key Club gave me good information about life all around us and taught me about different kinds of people. It made me feel wanted and needed."

-Kevin Anderson, '97

key club

july 15- grady tibboel and marisa baumgarn journeyed to new orleans for the key club international conference

october 22- members cooked and served a chili feast at the final football game, along with the johnston kiwana's

march 15-30- t-shirts on sale to raise money

march 29- volunteered at community blood drive and pancake breakfast

may 7- sudzed-up cars in the jhs parking lot

national honor society

february 5- games and toys for girls and boys at the purple party

february 14- carnations sold and distributed to hundreds of lucky valentines

april 4- new members formally welcomed in the induction ceremony

april 18 & 25- dollars for scholars phon-a-thon

april 22- members aided student council in the all-school blood drive



KEY CLUB. Christy Jones, Courtney Lester, Tom Caswell, Vice-President Todd Pembroke, Robin Sanders. **ROW 2.** Kevin McConnell, Jason Cirkseena, Megan Franck, Jennifer Gray, Alicia Baumgarn, Kevin Anderson, Marisa Baumgarn, Secretary/Treasurer Ryan West, Jamie Hawkins. **ROW 3.** President Beth Koch, Brian Jackson, J.P. Clark, Lieutenant Governor Grady Tibboel, Julie Kotz, Jill Hansen.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY. T.J. Logan, President Jason Benbow, Historian Dani Doak, Treasurer Shannon Smith, Secretary Kim Ruisch, Vice-President Grady Tibboel. **ROW 2.** Joe McClung, Bethany Sather, Jami Kennel, Nicole Buban, Jill Foley, Chrissy Hammen. **ROW 3.** Sam Noble, Jason Sturtz, Doug Kruse, Suzy Hawkins, Nathan Jorgenson, Dawn Liekweg, Ryan Flynn, Greg Reed. **ROW 4.** Dan Flannery, Wade Sewell, Mike Remer, Julie Kotz, Christy Jones, Riley Phipps, Patrick Porto.



On a sunny spring Saturday in May, Key Club members congregate to scrubba-dub-dub three cars. Junior Beth Koch partakes in the festivities as she sudses February's Junker-of-the-month. The money raised at the car cleansing extravaganza would help fund airfare for members attending the International Key Club conference.

photo by
Danielle
Carroll

Spread by Shannon Smith and Jason Benbow

DONATING TIME, MONEY AND EFFORT

Student council members come out on top

In the past, the JHS Student Council had been known for one thing: Homecoming. However, the fifteen members of the '93-'94 Student Council expanded their involvement in the school and in the community.

Traditionally, Homecoming Week was the chief responsibility of Student Council, but when the post-Club Olympic activities got out of hand, a Homecoming Task Force was formed and Student Council's control over Homecoming became questioned. After several meetings the Task Force, that was combined of community volunteers, faculty, and a few students, proposed to Student Council an idea for future Homecomings which had Student Council getting involved with fewer of the activities. The proposal separated the activities into five groups: the student activities, the parade, Club Olympics, the football game, and the dance. For each of those activities, a committee would be formed composed of at least one Student Council member, one member of the community, and one member of the faculty. Each of these committees would report back to a Steering Committee whose Chairman and Vice-Chairman would be appointed by Student Council. The proposal was reviewed by Student Council and a compromise was reached. The compromise had Student Council controlling the dance and the student activities like the coronation, the dress-up days, and the pep assembly. The other three activities would stay as proposed with their own committee. Senior President Jeremy Rinehart said, "I think it's wrong to bring in community volunteers and faculty to take over our Homecoming because Homecoming should be of the students, by the students, and for the students."

In addition to the time spent reviewing Homecoming, Student Council also spent time downtown helping to serve lunch to some of the homeless people at the Door of Faith mission. Said senior class vice-president Tara Thieleke, "The people we met made me realize that the difference between the homeless and us is very small. We're only one step away from being in their position."

Student Council also made an effort to help people in the community. Food items were collected at a dance and were later given to needy families. The money from the dance was applied to purchasing Christmas presents for children.

By expanding their involvement, the Student Council built up a positive reputation in both the school and the community. **Story by Jason Benbow and Shannon Smith**



Hauling away the "Penny War" jugs, sophomore student council representative Megan Bengard puts them away for tomorrow. Students gained points by putting pennies in their grade's bottle. Points could be taken away from other classes by putting silver money in the jars. The seniors won the event with \$108.00. photo Shannon Smith



"Student Council in high school is a lot different than the middle school. Here we do things. I've met a lot of new people by going to conventions and the blood drive."

-Mitch Kunert, '98

student council

september 21-attended student council convention

december 3-held a dance to raise money for the recycling bin

december 4-served dinner at a homeless shelter

april 22-helped NHS with blood drive

may 16-class of the year picnic

-collected canned food for fill the mayflower

-penny wars were held. donations went to door of faith mission

-sponsored club olympics and other homecoming activities



STUDENT BODY OFFICERS. clockwise. President Andy Offenburger, Secretary Shannon Smith, Vice-President Joe McClung



STUDENT CLASS OFFICERS. Senior Tara Thieleke, sophomore Megan Bengard, sophomore Alicia Rollison, freshman Mitch Kunert, freshman Kyla Kiester. **ROW 2.** Sophomore Bryan Burkhardt, senior Jeremy Rinehart, senior Jason Benbow, junior John Davis, junior Elaine Jarnagin, junior Julie Cottrell.



Senior Jason Brown gives the gift of life as the blood trickles from his left arm. Students 17 years and older were given the opportunity to donate blood to the Blood Center of Iowa. Forty-seven pints of blood were collected in all. photo by Heidi Zeiger

Spread by Shannon Smith and Jennifer Jones

RIDING ON NEW HOPES

An increase in size yielded a program of projects

It was a bitter cold night in February. Ten cold souls gathered around a trash barrel to get warm before returning to their cardboard boxes for the night. They begged for money as the departing basketball fans walked past. The people in the boxes were members of Mr. Tim Kline's leadership group.

"We pretended we were homeless and slept outside in the cold after a basketball game," said junior Tom Caswell. "We took pledges and people donated money at the game. Our profit, which went to the Food Pantry, was around five hundred dollars."

The project was part of Teen Leadership Connection. The new idea of service projects was brought up as a way to choose which students were able to attend the Leadership Retreat and as a way to involve students in leadership roles after the retreat. Guidance counselor Dale Doudna said, "Each leadership group needed to come up with a project that was benefiting to someone else. The purpose was to put leadership skills to practical use."

One concept turned into a reward when Mrs. Cindy Partington's group visited Blank Children's Hospital. Junior Sarah Rains said, "We made valentines with the children, but most of them were so little that we just talked and played with them. You could tell they appreciated you a lot."

Other projects included preparing holiday meals for the needy, mentoring at the elementary and middle schools and planting flowers with the Latch Key Kids. One group visited the Iowa Animal Rescue Shelter and played with the homeless pets.

Another leadership group formed a special organization called SODA, Students Opposed to Drugs and Alcohol. The group had a SODA kick-off late in the year to get support from fellow classmates. Freshman Jason Ceretti said, "SODA is supposed to be an alternative to drinking, but some members still use alcohol. I think there need to be some changes in it." SODA sponsored a lock-in at Farley's Family Fun, an arcade in Des Moines.

Although many aspects of TLC had changed, some remained the same. Morp, the annual Valentine's dance, and the pop walk at the Purple Party were activities in which many TLC'ers took an active interest. Many also volunteered to work at the substance-free day at Adventureland.

Through the new setting more students were able to get involved. Not only did the community benefit from the projects, but students were able to return to the retreat the following year. "It makes you feel good inside to know that you have helped someone out that needed it. I never had done anything like that before. It's a nice feeling," said junior Jenn Morrison. Story by Jennifer Jones and Shannon Smith



Setting up for the Rival of the Bands competition held at Adventureland Park, freshman Jason Reber lugs a stack of chairs while members of one band get organized. The competition was held during the substance-free weekend sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism. TLC members volunteered their time to help with the spring event. photo by Emily Gelormino



"Ryan Maasen's mom brought us Temptation's fine chocolates when we were camping out. It made the cold night go by a little faster."

-Zac Christensen, '96



"TLC gives you the opportunity to grow by letting you attend the Leadership Retreat and other projects."

-Seamus Murphy, '96

tlc

-operated concession stand selling pop, doughnuts and other snacks. the profit was around \$1500.

september-"hello rally" held to introduce new students

-board members were chosen at the monthly meeting

october-sponsored club olympics teams

november-leadership retreat

-watched retreat video and and planned winter activities at the monthly meeting

december-collected canned food for the annual food drive

-held a dance with student council. admission was two cans of food

-played volleyball and basketball at the monthly meeting

january-mitten and glove drive held for the needy

-sponsored another dance

february-morp dance was held and proceeds went to make a wish foundation and recycling

-disney pop walk at the purple party

april-lock-in held at farley's family fun center

may-students participated in adventureland's "drug-free day"

-presented scholarships at the class day assembly



TLC. Marisa Hansen, Leanna Morris, Heather Smith, Danielle Englehart. ROW 2. Casandra Coleman, Sarah Schoper, Molly Holub, Regina Bess, Pat McGowan, Sara Hill. ROW 3. Joe McClung, Nicole Buban, Shannon Smith, Lisa Gentile.



Enjoying their night at Farley's Family Fun Center Juniors Alex Jefferies and Dax Landeen use one of their tokens to ride the ponies. The lock-in was held from 12:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. The intended purpose of the lock-in was to have a substance-free fun night. photo by Jennifer Jones

Spread by Steve Ring and Lissa Smith

OSTILITIES ON THE RISE

brought tense battles and learning experiences into Room Seven.

Significant changes occurred with Johnston High School's newspaper, *JHS in Black and White*. There were some distinct problems brewing. These problems seemed to be the result of obvious differences in opinion. With all of the differences, dissension was inevitable.

"The reason for the turmoil was because of the different visions about what a paper should do," said advisor Leslie Shipp.

Staff members weren't successfully achieving their personal goals in producing a paper. "I quit purely for the reason that I was not getting what I wanted out of the class and not giving other people what they wanted," said senior Tara Thieleke.

There was a great contrast in what they thought a newspaper should do for the student body. Staff members were unevenly divided among producing a newspaper promoting literacy, producing a paper focusing on modern journalism, and resolving the conflict with a possible compromise.

"The pinnacle of good journalism is based on accuracy, truth and objectivity.. However, reading about these concepts in a book and actually applying them to life are entirely different. The staff became frustrated when they had to deal with the consequences of not understanding journalism," said Shipp.

Producing a newspaper seemed an impossibility with the amount of disagreement. Staff members moved to learn more about journalism production and put printing on hold for the remainder of the first semester. Sophomore Amanda Fisher said, "We did reports showing each other the different aspects of journalism and new and exciting ways to bring them into our paper."

Even after sharing these new ideas compromise didn't appear a viable option. At semester the staff dropped from fourteen members to six and lost four editors.

"We lost a lot of good writers, but we still have a quality staff," said junior Beth Ann Nelson. "Because of the smaller numbers of people we are not forced to compete with other staff members for resources."

The remaining six members were left to learn computer software, layout and design techniques and how to "paste up" at the *Advance*. Sophomore Heather Tuttle said, "I had only been to the *Advance* once. I was afraid I'd screw everything up. Pasting up requires much perfection."

The second semester newspaper staff worked to overcome their past difficulties. Even with only six remaining members, *JHS in Black and White* was able to publish a monthly newspaper that showcased their understanding of journalism. Story by Lissa Smith



Sophomore Amanda Fisher stands in a crowded JHS hallway passing out the February edition of *Black and White*. This edition was one that received much positive feedback. photo by Lissa Smith



"The newspaper is now a by-product of our learning. We're focusing on learning good journalism."

-Advisor Leslie Shipp



"The ups and downs of this year's newspaper had me in a daze. At the end of the year I started to come around."

-Jamie Hawkins, '94

JHS in Black and White speaks

september 29, 1993 "ranker's robots"- senior jason ranker expressed his opinions after attending the in-service activities of the teachers and administrators of the district. his criticism aroused discussion and debate of how inservice time was used.

october 1993 "nerds with pants up to their nipples"- an article written by jason ranker spotlighted junior zeke vantage and sophomore adam tetzloff, who placed fifth out of forty-five teams in the quad cities invitational debate tournament.

november 7, 1993 gilmore vs. davis- the two debated the role of the military and camp dodge's influence on johnston.

december 1, 1993 "another boring article"- senior jason ranker mocked student body feedback and defended the newspapers' dedication to literacy.

january 13, 1994 staff dropped from fourteen to six members- seniors jason ranker, jenny smith, jill foley, heidi zeiger, tara thieleke and juniors aaron gilmore and john davis resigned from *black and white*.

february 18, 1994 big berth- sophomore ryan west won a \$20 gift certificate in a skeleton naming contest held by the staff of the jhs biology department and was featured on the front page.

march 17, 1994 retrospect- *jhs in black and white* focused its issue on the 1970's.



NEWSPAPER. Heather Tuttle, Amanda Fisher, Kristin Warren. **ROW 2.** Beth Ann Nelson, Jamie Hawkins, Matt Webster.



Black and White staff members spent many late nights at the *Advance*. Sophomore Kristin Warren and editor junior Beth Ann Nelson work quickly but with precision pasting up their March 17 edition of the newspaper. photo by Steve Ring

Spread by Shannon Smith

THE BIG SOAP OPERA

Each day brought a new episode to Room Seven

The plot thickened every day. Each episode was forty-five minutes in length. The set was a steamy, windowless Room Seven. It was known as the yearbook soap opera. The 16 actors were all members of the yearbook staff.

With so many different story lines going on at once it was difficult to keep track of everything and everybody. It started at the beginning of the year with Queen and her farmers. Rumors were flying high in the room as junior Emily Gelormino explained, "We all gave Queen some advice on her hunt for the right farmer, but I went a step further and gave her a little something that I had gotten in my stocking."

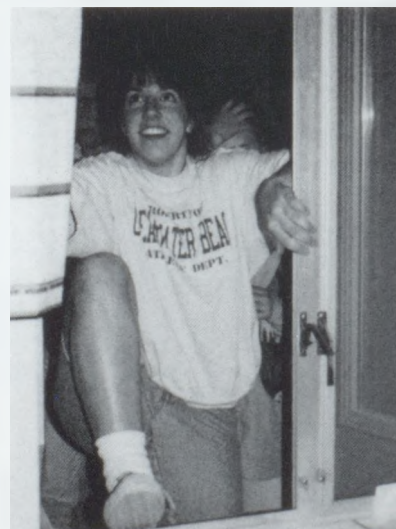
Queen wasn't the only one who was searching for friendship. Senior Ross Anderson said, "If there's anything I've learned the past three years it has been stress, how to open a file and how to get a date with Kim (Ruisch)." After a bet over a deadline with senior Kim Ruisch he finally got his wish and took her out.

Relationships weren't the only thing developing in the chamber. Outside the window the new addition was being built. Each day brought new changes as the little men worked in their little holes all day long. Sophomore Steve Ring caught the development on film. "Each day I found myself watching the trucks drive back and forth. I thought it would be kind of cool to capture it on film, you know, because my camera is my only friend." Thanks to Ring's pictures one will know what the room looked like with windows and natural light because in late spring they were replaced with concrete blocks.

All the distractions seemed to catch a few youngins' off guard. Maybe it was the hammers or the space ships; no one will ever know. After a few missed deadlines they finally got the hang of things and were off and running. Said sophomore Mark Stookey, "At first yearbook was the hardest thing I'd ever done. Even though it's a pain in the butt with all of our deadlines, with each day that goes by I get better at getting my work done."

In between all the happenings the staff managed to complete another yearbook, trying to better the book from last year's, which won first place in the state in Class 3-A. "We owe our success to Jason Benbow and Ross Anderson for attending all of those seminars in Long Beach," said advisor Leslie Shipp. Out of the 15 categories entered the book won 13 awards. Not only did it win the state contest but they also had a first place rating in the National and Columbia Scholastic Press Association contests.

Whether it was Ross' inspiration, the mommies' food, or those ever-invigorating rounds of "Naked, Naked Harris," the yearbook staff was an exciting bunch with the ability to create one heck of a soap opera. **Story by Shannon Smith**



Pretending to return from her quick jaunt on the corrugated steel junior Jennifer Jones climbs inside the room. Deadline nights proved to be grueling but were made easier with a game of Mongolian Warlords in the hall. photo by Shannon Smith



"I love the little poem Queen wrote for me on Valentine's Day. It was written in jealousy because I got to see Kixx and Ronnie from the front row, while she gazed at the back of other people's heads."

-Heidi Johns, '95



"No matter how hard we tried, we could not hold a serious discussion. Tara (Guttridge) and I giggled; Emily (Gelormino) played with protection; and Queen daydreamed about farmers."

-Danielle Carroll, '96

yearbook

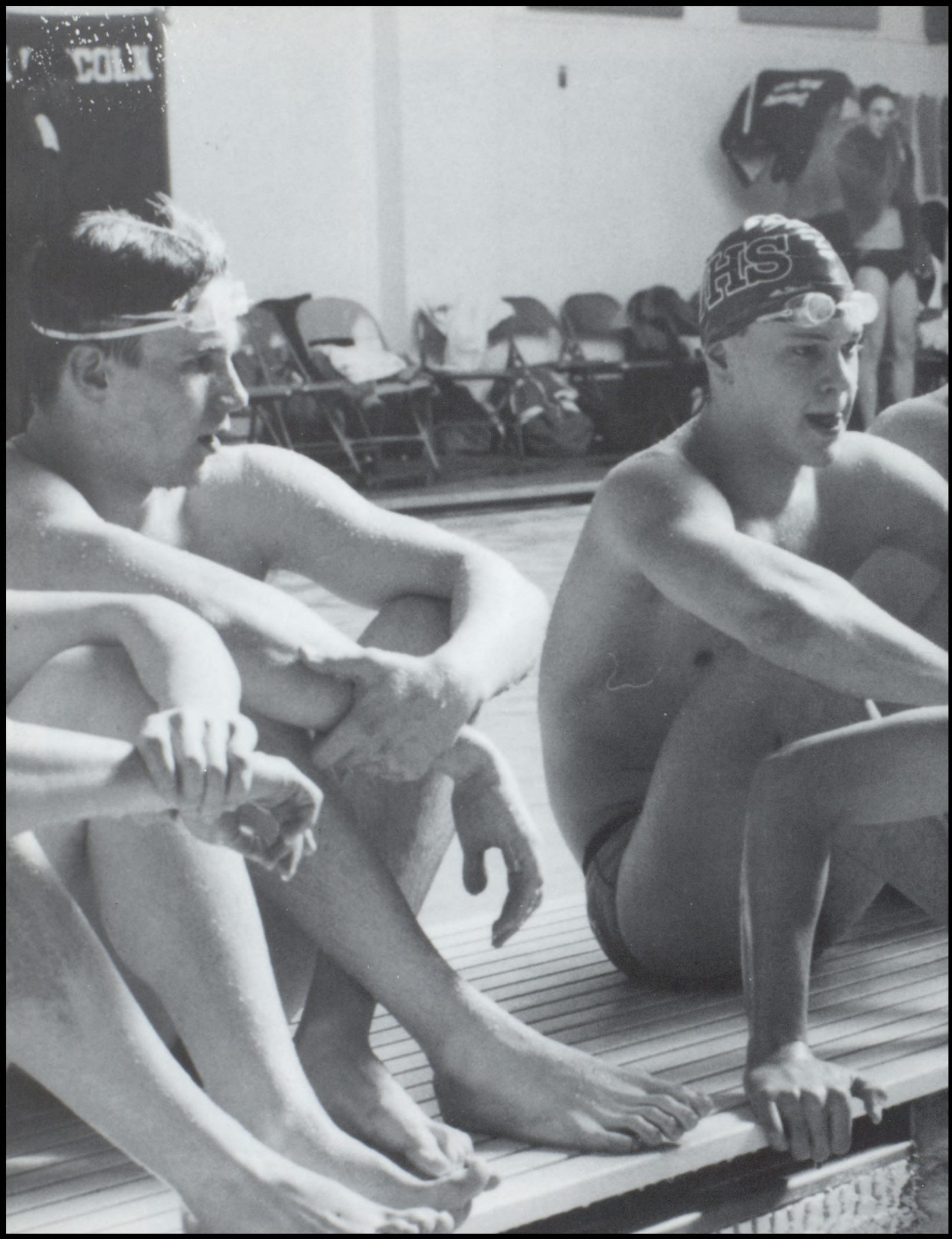
- queen locked her keys in her car. sarah campbell came to the rescue
- benbow fertilized the ground below
- ross took kimmy to the symphony
- steve and stookey finally returned from their space mission
- sarah hamilton joined the army
- the mommies brought us food
- queen visited her farmers
- barb walked in on her brother once again
- jennifer had front row seats to Billy
- emily showed off her pretty bras
- had a may day party
- took first place in the NSPA and CSPA contests
- made pretty valentines and tried to become a family
- won IISPA whole yearbook contest and award of distinguished merit

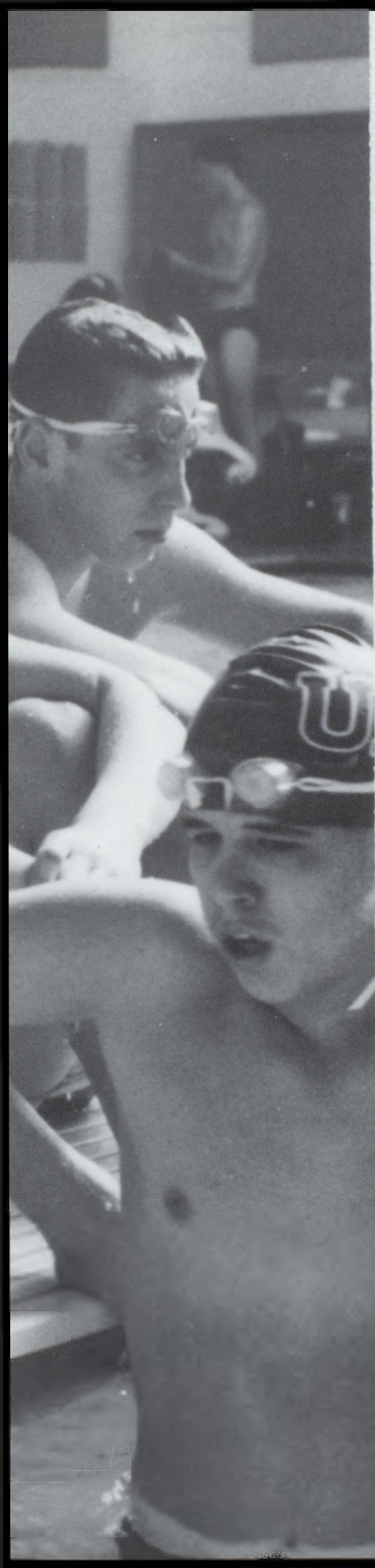


YEARBOOK. Jill Foley, Craig Fischer, Kim Ruisch. **ROW 2.** Danielle Carroll, Heidi Zeiger, Emily Gelormino, Lissa Smith, Shannon Smith, Jason Benbow. **ROW 3.** Matt Van Maeyer, Jennifer Jones, Ross Anderson, Tara Guttridge, Heidi Johns, Steve Ring, Jim Stanfield. **Not Pictured:** Sarah Campbell, Sarah Hamilton, Mark Stookey, Kris Tedesco.



Cropping a picture for a layout, senior Heidi Zelger works dligently to complete her deadline on time. Zelger won two awards from the Iowa High School Press Association, placing first in student life photo and second in student life copy. photo by Steve Ring





Johnston
varsity
swimmers
Greg Reed,
Dan Flannery,
Mark Elliot and
Josh Fausch
mentally
prepare
themselves
before the first
race of the
Urbandale
Invitational.
The Dragon /
Jayhawk team
was victorious,
beating tough
competitors
such as
Council Bluffs
Lewis Central
High and West
Des Moines
Valley.
Flannery broke
the school's
200 IM record
by two
seconds and
other
swimmers beat
their best
personal
times. photo
by Heidi Zeiger

sports. you played in the rain • you

hurled from starting block to winter wonderland

• you pump faked with passion • you spiked

white rubber • you saw grandma in the stands

• you slip slid home • you carried the pigskin

to victory • you kicked joe mama's butt • you

bowled a 300 • you watched puck smash teeth

• you felt chlorine seep through goggle edges •

you made muscle burn • you sprang from step

to step over rough terrain • you went for a

natural high • you lost • you won

"I received a phone call one afternoon from the city, telling me they needed some fresh guys to sandbag. What a better way to rest everyone's feeling of guilt about helping out with the flood effort, than to get the team together after practice and sandbag."

- Jim Mahoney, coach



BASEBALL. Matt Caswell, Jim Proehl, Tyson Iles, Jason Veeder, Ben Carroll, Justin Allen. **ROW 2.** Greg Beck, Jay Rice, Nathan Hornback, Scott Kurtz, Cam Christensen, Lane Sires. **ROW 3.** Jason Rollison, Andy Offenburger, Riley Phipps, David Block, Mike Nicodemus, Jeremy Heinen, Jeremy Rinehart.

Varsity Baseball

Ballard 11-1
Ottumwa 7-2
Lincoln 0-13
Saydel 3-4
Winterset 6-5
Nevada 4-8
Ankeny 15-9
Norwalk 6-1
Boone 8-4
Roosevelt 11-1
Carlisle 1-7
Clarke 9-3
Winterset 3-15
East Marshall 8-6

Saydel 5-6
Nevada 6-4
Pella Christian 1-4
Dowling 5-1
Davenport Assumption 5-7
North 16-10
Newton 8-6
Norwalk 6-7
Carlisle 9-4
I-35 10-1
Clarke 13-0
Saydel 4-1
Boone 7-4
Decorah 10-0
Davenport Assumption 0-6



Graduate Jeremy Heinen steals second base and slides into third during the Decorah game. Heinen had five stolen bases and led the team with 29 runs. photo by Tom Good



P • POURING, SINGING, PITCHING • PLAY-OFFS

Adversity was the name of the game. Through a lack of practice facilities and ill-tempered Mother Nature, the Dragons managed to make it once again to the state tournament. **Spread by Shannon Smith and Lissa Smith**

"The weather had a major impact on our season. Everyone was reminded of the theme song to 'Gilligan's Island.' We were ready to swim to our next game," said senior Lane Sires.

"Well, sit right back and you'll hear the tale, the tale of a conquering season, that started from the Dragon field, clear up to Marshalltown. The coach was a mighty baseball man, the pitcher fast and strong. Nineteen teammates worked hard that day, on the way to state, on the way to state."

Instead of dodging baseballs, this year's team got into the practice of dodging raindrops. Many of their games were cancelled due to rain, practices were hard to schedule because of a lack of indoor facilities, and players were stranded on either side of the Merle Hay Bridge on account of the high waters. Through it all, they elbowed their way forward and made a repeat appearance at the state tournament.

The district game against Boone was rained out and moved to Johnston. "This gave us the home field advantage and the confidence needed to conquer Boone," said senior Tyson Iles.

The team pulled away with a 3-0 victory sending them into the final district game against Nevada in which graduate Matt Caswell hit a game-winning home run. "Nevada was a tough team to beat. The pressure of making it to substate was incredible. It was great to contribute to the team," said Caswell.

This win sent them over the edge through substate and into the state tournament, where Nicodemus pitched a six inning one-hitter against Decorah and threw only eighty pitches. This game advanced them to the finals against Davenport Assumption. Here the Dragons were defeated for the second time by the Knights.

"Although disappointed with the loss, the team was satisfied with just getting to the finals. Davenport Assumption was a really good team," said Coach Jim Mahoney.

As the waters receded and the last castaway was rescued, the team packed their belongings and headed home from state, headed home from state. **Story by Shannon Smith and Lissa Smith**



The scoreboard tells the story: due to the ten-run rule, Dragon players and graduates Mike Nicodemus and Justin Allen show an enthusiastic response to their win against the Decorah Vikings in the first round of the state play-offs. Allen was selected as an All-Conference Honorable Mention catcher. photo by Danny Rushing

Pitching a fastball against a Winterset batter, graduate and starting pitcher Mike Nicodemus helps add a win to the team's record with an 8-4 victory. Nicodemus had an ERA of 3.19 and was selected as a First Team All-Conference player. photo by Johnston Advance



First baseman and graduate Cam Christensen lunges forward attempting to get an out during the final game in the state tournament. Christensen made Second Team All-Conference with a batting average of .357, two home runs and 16 RBI's. photo by Tom Good

"We'd be winning games and then we'd have one rained out. It'd get our spirits down for the next game."
Amanda Brannan, senior



SOFTBALL. Coach Justin Carlson, Tera Buitenwerf, Jenny Duckworth, Janie Jefferies, Stephanie Grandia, Jennifer Butz, Asst. Coach Kari Bobst. **ROW 2.** Iona Doster, Amanda Brannan, Christy Jones, Jami Kennel, Jaime Johnson, Crissy Hammen, Coach Jolene Rude. **ROW 3.** Kara Bamey, Amanda Gardner, Jenn Heinen, Stephanie Grant, Paula Biondi, Amy Myer, Michelle Camden.

Varsity Softball

Winterset 5-3
North Polk 0-1
Roosevelt 10-0
S.E. Polk 9-3
Norwalk 5-10
Dallas-Center Grimes 4-2
Waukee 8-0
S.E. Polk 3-4
Pella 13-0
Boone 7-6
Pella Christian 3-0
Indianola 4-3
Roosevelt 1-2
Carlisle 0-8
Clarke 2-3
Winterset 7-4
Estherville 4-0
Atlantic 3-2
Boone 1-8
Nevada 1-3
Norwalk 4-3
Nevada 0-7
North 2-4
Roosevelt 2-4
Dallas-Center Grimes 2-0
Pella Christian 4-1
Pleasantville 0-3
Martensdale-St. Marys 3-2

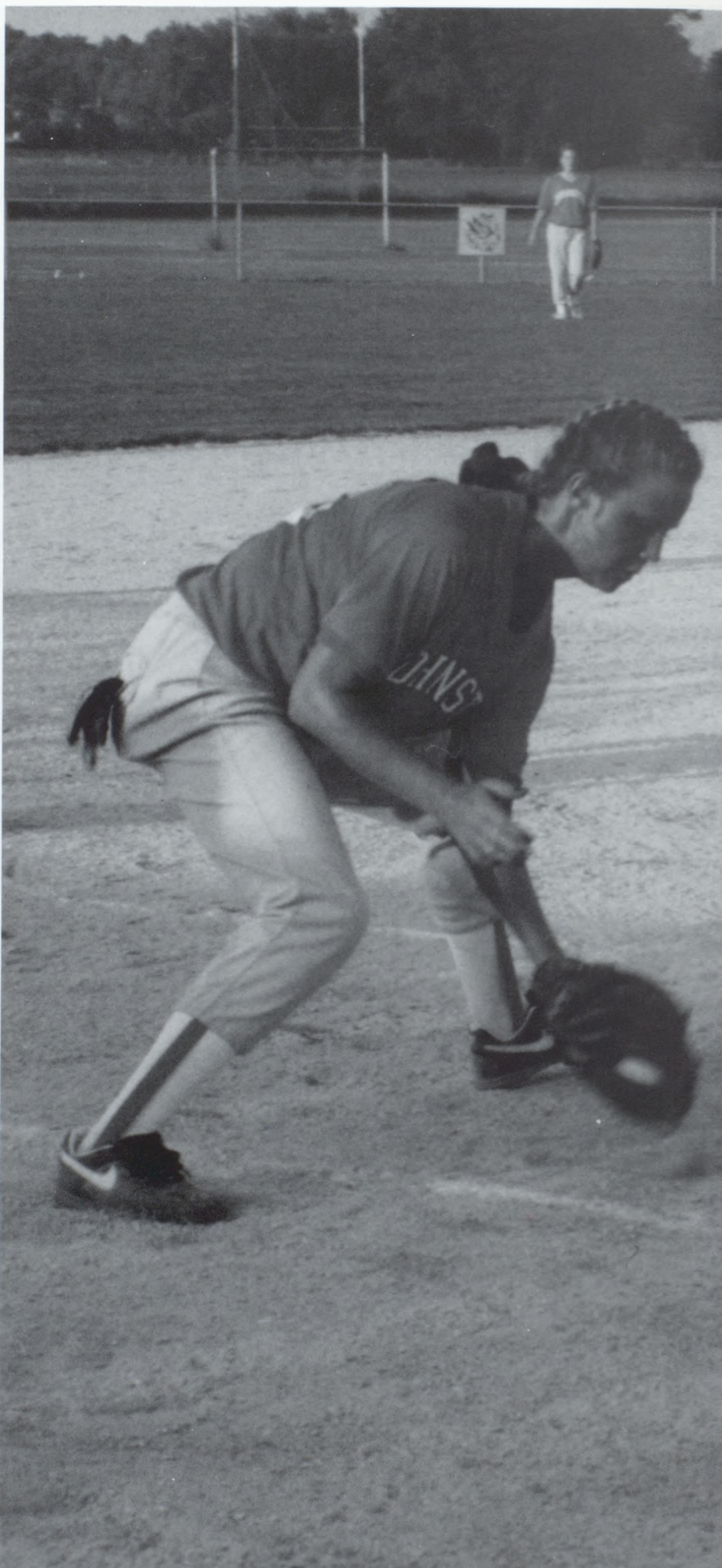
Indianola 6-3
Carlisle 0-8
Adel-DeSoto 8-5
Saydel 2-0
Adel-DeSoto 3-8
Season Record 19-14

Junior Varsity

Winterset 1-8
S.E. Polk 0-3
Norwalk 9-8
Dallas-Center Grimes 10-0
Roosevelt 5-11
Boone 10-8
Pella Christian 3-3
Carlisle 0-2
Clarke 8-5
Winterset 10-1
Norwalk 10-0
Nevada 10-2
Nevada 12-3
Carlisle 4-7
Saydel 3-2
Adel 3-7
Pella Christian 2-8
Winterset 8-3
Norwalk 6-5
Season Record 11-1-7



Junior Amy Myer hits a grounder against Winterset. Myer played right and left field for the varsity and second and left field for the junior varsity. photo by Kris Tedesco



C • PITCHING, DASHING, SLIDING • CAPTURING

The softball team dodged the rain and slip-slided in the mud to capture a winning season. Amid their ups and downs, the team remained committed and determined to succeed. **Spread by Heidi Johns and Kris Tedesco**

As she picked up the tennis ball, junior Michelle Camden watched another softball player turn into the high school and head toward the softball field. Her game was supposed to be cancelled that day because the field was too muddy, but Camden started to think she'd have to play after all. It was a beautiful day, and she didn't want to spend it playing softball again. So Camden and her friend Heidi Johns went to Johns' house where no one could reach her. "We walked through Green Meadows instead of going down 62nd just in case someone was coming to go to softball. I didn't want anyone to see me and stop to tell me I had to play," said Camden.

Many of the players felt the same way as Camden. They were frustrated with all the adjustments that had to be made. One challenge was fighting the rain. Numerous practices and six of their 35 games were rained out. "We'd be winning games and then we'd have one rained out. It'd get our spirits down for the next game," said senior Amanda Brannan. The girls also had to adapt to a new coach, Justin Carlson.

Despite these obstacles the softball team had their first winning season. Junior Amanda Gardner said, "We had our ups and downs, but we worked to become a much stronger team."

The team's overall attitude was bittersweet. Junior Amy Myer said, "It was a lot of fun at first, but toward the end I got tired of playing softball all the time." Gardner also had mixed emotions: "It wasn't as fun as before, but it was good to be on a winning team." **Story by Heidi Johns and Kris Tedesco**



Attempting to keep the opponent scoreless, senior Kara Barney winds up to pitch a fastball. Barney made the All-Tournament Team at the Bondurant Tournament. photo by Kris Tedesco

Senior Jaime Johnson scoops up a grounder for an easy out against Saydel. Johnson helped lead the team to a 2-0 victory, which contributed to their 19 total wins. She played third base for varsity and made Second Team All-Conference for the second year in a row. photo by Heidi Johns



First baseman and graduate Stephanie Grandia comes to a halt at Coach Carlson's request. Grandia was named to the All-Tournament Teams at North and Boone. photo by Kris Tedesco

"In the Central Iowa Tournament, Aaron Toney jumped up and did a bicycle kick and kicked the ball away. He was so high he kicked the crossbar. He landed on his face, and there was mud all over. I tried to say something to him, and he said, 'What?' He couldn't remember it at halftime. He was out of it."

-Luc Cisna, senior



VARSITY SOCCER. Eric Wing, Sergio Casares, Todd Swanson, Jeff Meyers, Jordan Boley, Mark Gay. **ROW 2.** Andrew Meston, Pat Porto, Luc Cisna, Sam Bacaam, Aaron Toney, Alex Jeffries. **ROW 3.** Coach Ken Goering, manager Carri Hansen, Kirk Ojendyk, Scott Ebke, Jeff Featherstone, Matt Keltner, Pete Vannausdle, Travis Schuling, Brian Billings, Kyle Dickey, Coach Jim Wandro.



JV SOCCER. Shon Olson, Erin Fisher, Nicole Timmins, Andrea Sacco, Jose Tovar. **ROW 2.** manager Kim Crouch, Alicia Rollison, Matt Webster, Shannon Hildreth, Dax Landeen, Troy Webber, Jake Lamberti, Todd Pembroke, manager Sarah Catoor. **ROW 3.** Coach Ken Goering, James Doyle, Greg Tibboel, Brad Schonhorst, Meighan Moore, Matt Vannausdle, Ken Jones, Adam Soper, Chase Young, Tyler Nissen, Tim Rains. **ROW 4.** Brent Routson, Kevin Goering, Tommy Myers.

Varsity Soccer

Hoover 2-1
Lincoln 3-1
Waukee 4-1
W.D.M. Dowling 1-0
Nevada 2-1
Bondurant 14-0
Carlisle 9-0
Adel-DeSoto 6-0
Nevada 1-0
Waukee 2-1
Bondurant 12-0
W.D.M. Valley 2-1
Urbandale 1-1
Adel-DeSoto 4-2
Lincoln 6-1
Roosevelt 1-2

Junior Varsity

Hoover 0-0
Lincoln 0-2
Waukee 3-1
Valley 0-3
Nevada 1-1
Dallas Center-Grimes 5-1
Carlisle 4-0
Adel-DeSoto 3-0
Nevada 2-2
Waukee 4-0
Adel-DeSoto 3-1
Valley 0-6
Dowling 1-3
Adel-DeSoto 0-1
Dallas Center-Grimes 1-4
Dowling 1-4
Valley 0-6
Adel-DeSoto 0-2



D • KICKING, SCORING, CONQUERING • **DEFINING**

Unusual vocabulary and all, the varsity soccer team ended a nearly perfect season with new records set and different definitions created. Spread by Kim Ruisch and Jennifer Jones

Define "mogumbo."

A. Joe Momma's famous Cajun soup

B. A sensual Latin dance

C. Your grandfather's affectionate pet name for his dentures

Your answer? Sorry, you flunk. Your attendance at a varsity soccer game this summer, however, would have given you the knowledge needed for the correct response:

D. The word screamed from a huddle after each goal scored by the Dragons in their 1993 soccer season "We believe it gave us strength," said junior Alex Jeffries. "It's a sacred word that only soccer players know, but it is the very essence of every soccer player."

Maybe that's what did it. Maybe it was something in the water, or the lack thereof, considering Des Moines' experience without running water for weeks. Senior Kyle Dickey thought "getting up at the buttcrack of dawn to practice" played a major role. Regardless, the team found a formula that yielded victory after victory from start to finish.

"The kids knew that if they were going to have a good season some needed to be willing to assume leadership roles," said Coach Jim Wandro. The addition of key players Luc Cisna and Pete Vannausdle along with six returning letter winners provided the experience and leadership needed.

When consulting the record books, one finds that mogumbo wasn't the only definition created. Johnston's definition of its best soccer team changed with these results. The team ended the season tying or bettering five team records, including most wins (14), most goals scored (70), and least goals given up (10).

Whether or not Joe Momma's sensual Latin dance with his dentures had an effect on them is not certain. But the mark left by the Dragons was one that mirrored the definition of excellence. Story by Kim Ruisch

Senior Luc Cisna struggles for control of the ball with a Roosevelt team member. Cisna ended the season as one of the team's top scorers, finishing with a total of nine points. photo by Kim Ruisch



Junior Andrew Meston (#42) watches as the Dragons chalk up another goal in the game against Waukee. This was certainly not an uncommon occurrence as the Dragons set a record of most goals scored in a season. Meston was the fourth leading scorer for the Dragons with five goals and three assists. photo by Kim Ruisch

Graduate Jeff Featherstone follows up on a kick at the Central Iowa Soccer Tournament. The game against Roosevelt was the only defeat of the season, the Dragons scoring only one goal to Roosevelt's two. Roosevelt's goals were two of only ten given up during the season. The goalie, senior Matt Keltner, was named First Team All-Conference. photo by Kim Ruisch

"This season proved to me that there are many top quality runners. Matt Webster kicked my butt in every meet."

-Grady Tibboel, senior



VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY. Stephanie Grant, Nicole Timmins, Kristin Warren, Katie Jacobsen, Elaine Jarnagin. **ROW 2.** Dennis Allers, Adam Soper. **ROW 3.** Riley Phipps, Grady Tibboel, Greg Tibboel, Joshua Clapp, Matt Webster.



JV CROSS COUNTRY. Mark Stookey, Heather Wheeler, Teresa White, Bree Chambers, Joe McClung, Skeeter Thompson. **ROW 2.** Todd Bass, Jason Cirkseena, Matt Sinwell, Bobby Johnson. **ROW 3.** Alicia Baumgarn, Matt Lumdberg, Josh Van Heukelom, Jay Christianson, Nathan Jorgenson.

Boys' Varsity Cross Country

Urbandale Inv. 8th
Panorama Inv. 5th
Gilbert Inv. 4th
Perry Inv. 8th
Nevada Inv. 4th
Ballard Inv. 4th
Conference Meet 4th

Girls' Varsity Cross Country

Gilbert Inv. 6th
Urbandale Inv. 13th
Panorama Inv. 5th
Perry Inv. 5th
Nevada Inv. 5th
Ballard Inv. 4th
Conference Meet 6th



I • FLOWING, SPRINTING, ENDURING • INTELLIGENCE

The cross country team used their smarts to tackle each and every course with diligence and strategy. Members were awarded by the state, making what would have been an average season superior. **Spread by Lissa Smith and Mark Stookey**

Imagine you are running down a narrow path in a field while being chased by a hundred other people. You sight the chute, pick up the pace, steady your breathing and sprint to the finish.

"The last leg of the race was always the most challenging. By this time my whole body was numb, but the adrenalin was flowing. I think that's what gave me the extra energy to sprint to the end," said sophomore letter winner Katie Jacobsen.

The end of the race was often one of the most difficult feats to be accomplished by a cross country runner. Side aches and sore muscles needed to be set aside as the Dragons couldn't allow the anxiety of the finish to phase them. The team's perseverance and hard-working attitude gained from the rigorous practices and grueling meets also served them well in the classroom. They were presented with a Distinguished Academic Excellence Award from the state. The thirteen girls had an average GPA of 3.45, and the twenty boys had an average GPA of 3.24. According to Coach Jim Wandro, the attitude of the team also proved to be of high quality. "They were a nice group of runners," stated Wandro. "I saw great team unity and encouragement."

This encouragement was appreciated by many, especially senior Josh Clapp, who remembers one incident when encouragement was needed: "About thirty seconds after we had started running I heard Dennis Allers (varsity teammate) say, 'Dude, like, we're in last!' After hearing that I felt stupid, so I just ran faster."

This team unity and encouragement produced many individual accomplishments. Despite competition from larger schools, three runners made All-Conference. Sophomore Nicole Timmins placed eleventh in the girls' meet while senior Grady Tibboel and sophomore Matt Webster took fifteenth and fourth respectively in their conference meet. Webster also enjoyed success at the Perry Invitational finishing with a school record time of 16:19.

The season came to an end. For the last time in 1993 Dragon runners were seen stepping down from the medal stand. Relief prevailed over fatigue as medals were placed in their hands, and they boarded the bus ready for the trip home. **Story by Lissa Smith**



Preparing herself to take a greater lead, sophomore varsity runner Nicole Timmins puts her best foot forward, pushing herself through another strenuous race. Timmins led the girls' varsity team, making her way through the LHC meet with a time of 13:42. photo by Spencer Parsons

Sophomore Matt Lundberg flows down the hill at the Urbandale Invitational, trying to catch one of his opponents. Johnston started their season with this meet placing eighth. photo by Lissa Smith



Fatigue strikes the face of junior Teresa White as she makes her way to the end of the finish line chute. White was a junior varsity member of the team, running her best 2.1 mile race with a time of 14:26. photo by Lissa Smith

"It feels great when you're on the field with everyone cheering you on. There is some pressure, but after the first time you hit someone, it's over."

- Peter Alexander, sophomore



SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL. Steve Rodriguez, Ben Barnes, Nick Mitchell, Todd Pembroke, Jeremy Comer, James Dawson, Pat McGowan, Corey Dickey, Jarred Stephenson. **ROW 2.** Matt Madison, Christopher Stafford, Jeff Foster, Marc Gregor, Jeremy Hietbrink, Peter Alexander, Jon French, Brian King, Eric Sable. **ROW 3.** Mike Willcox, Derek Trobaugh, Myles Cochran, Coach Ted Christensen, Coach Brad Johnson, Shawn Fowler, James Peterson, A.J. Simpson. **ROW 4.** Ryan Maasen, Ryan Gray, Greg Olsen, Mike Fackler, Mike Bennett, Brian McCleary, Josh Twedt, Barry Sullivan, Jon Ross. **ROW 5.** Tim Hruska, Michael Martin, Kory Kiper, Tanner Cam, Aaron Corcoran, Travis Schuling, Cody Koch, Jon Vocelka, Zac Christensen.



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL. Dan Brown, Lance White, Brian Wattier, Dan Sunblad, Ryan Roeth, Shawn Sellner. **ROW 2.** Bill Coleman, Tommy Myers, Jason Ceretti, Coach Jerry Stratton, Coach Frank Baltzley, Adam Corcoran, Shawn Riley, Trent Tillman. **ROW 3.** Anthony Clayton, B.J. Knapp, D'Andre Newson, Chase Young, Casey Hansen, Chris Willems, Jared Adams, Travis Beveridge, Nick Nichols. **ROW 4.** Kevin Goering, Ryan Ruisch, Tim Keck, Mark Oiler, Kevin Shafer, Ken Jones, Josh Fauch, Justin Ehm.

Sophomore Football

Grinnell 36-0
Norwalk 22-0
Boone 7-22
Knoxville 14-6
Norwalk 18-0
Clarke 33-8
Adel 12-6
Nevada 46-8
Winterset 6-0
Season Record 8-1

Freshman Football

Boone 32-0
Norwalk 42-6
Knoxville 44-40
Grinnell 49-6
Norwalk 40-20
Clarke 41-6
Adel 26-18
Winterset 13-0
Southeast Polk 20-8
Season Record 9-0



TACKLING, SCREAMING, SMASHING

SPITTING

Both the tenth and ninth grade teams had outstanding seasons, losing only one game between the two teams.

Like the caveman with the coconut, they found victory is sweet.

Spread by Sarah Hamilton and Heidi Johns

Picture a caveman running down a path with a coconut under his arm. If he can make it safely to his cave with the coconut he has "scored" and has a coconut for dinner. Suddenly one of the other cavemen snatches the coconut and runs to his own cave with the treasure. Our first caveman chases and tackles him short of his goal. *Voila!* The first football game.

Football had come a long way from those days, as the junior varsity team well knew. Football players had practice every night, they lifted weights, and they followed a strict diet which helped them improve their skills.

This practice paid off when the freshman team began winning game after game. Although they weren't losing, the freshmen worked hard to fine tune their team. "At the beginning of the season the defense wasn't getting through the offense, so we worked on that," said freshman Trent Tillman.

The most emotional game of the season for the freshmen was the last game against Southeast Polk. "It was snowing, and everyone was nervous because it was our last game and we were losing big time," said freshman B.J. Knapp, "Then Tommy Myers ran 80 yards for a touchdown."

During games tension was created and emotion ran thick through both the crowd and the team. "I remember the second game against Norwalk well," said sophomore Eric Sable. "After the first half we were way ahead, and I hadn't played in ten quarters. When Coach finally put me in I felt like I was possessed by the devil. I think I played one of the best games of my life that night."

Although they lost five starters to varsity, the tenth grade team won eight out of their nine games averaging 21.6 points per game. They held four of their opponents scoreless.

The reason for playing football may have changed from obtaining food to gaining the most victories, but the intensity had remained. Sophomore Jeff Foster said, "I was sad to see the season end because football is my life." Story by Sarah Hamilton and Heidi Johns

Sophomore Pat McGowan stretches out his arms in order to catch the ball. The sophomore team accumulated a total of 516 passing yards while their opponents only gained 422 yards passing. photo by Sarah Hamilton



While waiting to be placed on the field sophomores Mike Bennett, Matt Madison and Cory Kiper cheer on their teammates. Bennett made a total of 43.5 tackles, Madison made a total of 30, and Kiper averaged 13.5 yards per game in pass receiving. photo by Sarah Hamilton

Trying to keep his balance freshman Tommy Myers plunges forward with the ball. "I'll never forget the time during our last game when Tommy Myers jumped over the center and landed on the quarterback before they had even hiked the ball," said freshman Chase Young. photo by Kim Ruisch

"When you have a dream of accomplishing something and you suddenly lose it, there is nothing that can console you but the knowledge that you tried your best."

Nathan Jorgenson, senior

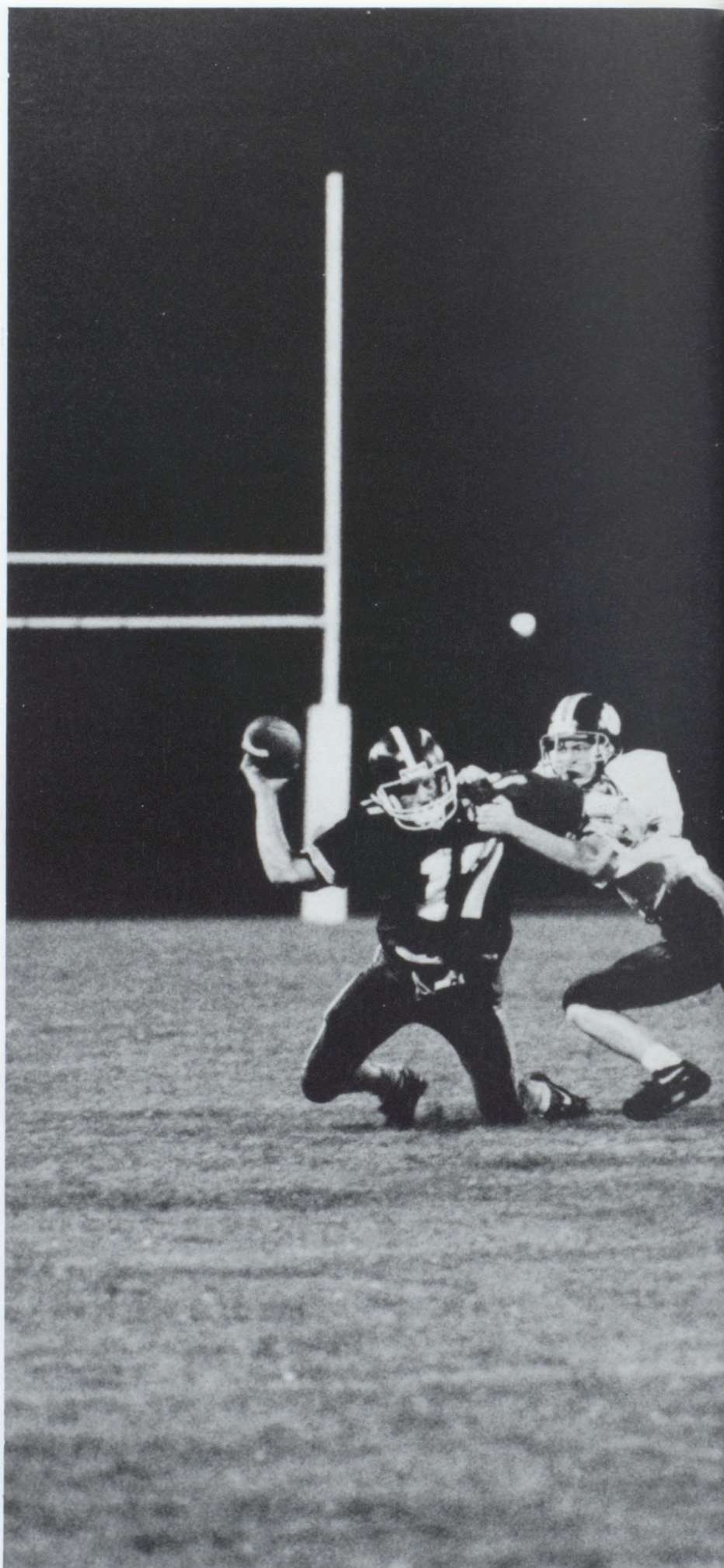


VARSITY FOOTBALL. Chad Piper, John Gustason, Joe McClung, manager April Ruggles, manager Eric Johnson, manager Kristen McConnell, Chad McFarling, David Coleman, Brian Schock. **ROW 2.** Dax Landeen, Bob Blanchard, Kelly Pierce, T.J. Sciorrotta, Mike Remer, Jon Ross, Jason Brown, Brian Smith. **ROW 3.** Greg Reed, Mark Howieson, Jay Christianson, Coach Fritz Keeling, Head Coach Garry Auxier, Coach Ed Terhune, Coach Mike Halder, Brent Cutler, D.J. Danner, Tim Rains. **ROW 4.** Lucas Sturdevant, Tom Caswell, Martin Horn, Toby Baker, Lane Sires, Craig Ball, Tyson Iles, Wade Sewell, John Sederwall. **ROW 5.** Jim Clark, Brad Hartschen, Nathan Jorgenson, Jeremy Rinehart, David Block, Ben Six, Chris Anderson, David Bullock, Ross Anderson.

Varsity Football
Clarinda 27-38
Grinnell 0-19
Norwalk 13-7
Knoxville 14-20
Saydel 26-22
Perry 46-0
Adel 34-55
Winterset 7-21
Clarke 18-7
Season Record 4-5



Senior tight end Lane Sires listens intently to coaches Mike Halder and Garry Auxier while injured senior Chad Piper records the next play. Sires was named All-District Special Mention. photo by Jason Benbow



DISAPPOINTING, BATTLING, HURTING

Frustrating

The football team had many obstacles to overcome. Numerous injuries and controversial calls added to the team's hardships. **Spread by Ross Anderson and Jason Benbow**

Frustration played a key part in the disappointing season for the Dragons. Coming off an impressive season one year ago, the team expected to return to the state playoffs, but their frustration began early when the team lost both nonconference games. "Losing those games was hard on us. Our self-esteem and confidence was at a real low," said senior Jim Clark.

Homecoming didn't get any better. The team entered the game expecting a win but came away with a disappointing loss when Knoxville scored in the last minute due to a defensive mixup in the Dragon secondary.

After a 1-3 start, the team regrouped and put together two consecutive wins, moving them to second place in the conference. Suddenly the season was headed in the right direction, until they met up with conference leader Adel. The game was a battle of the two offenses, and frustration set in as the defense couldn't keep the Adel offense under control.

Although this loss was a major disappointment for the team, the Dragons found themselves still in the playoff picture. Therefore, the next game against rival Winterset was a must-win situation. This time it was two questionable calls that helped Winterset destroy the Dragons' final chance for the playoffs.

Since the goal of reaching the playoffs wasn't achieved, there was just one thing left that could possibly brighten the season: ending the year with a win. Through the snow and cold weather, the Dragons managed to come away with a victory against Clarke and brought the disappointing season to a close.

Senior Wade Sewell summed it up: "It seemed like we just couldn't get a break to go our way. We had a lot of people get hurt that would have helped us out. It was really frustrating knowing that we had the talent to win, but we just couldn't put everything together." **Story by Ross Anderson and Jason Benbow**



Senior Lucas Sturdevant punishes Knoxville's quarterback during the Homecoming game. Sturdevant was second on the team with 34.5 tackles and had one fumble recovery. photo by Johnston Advance



Stumbling between two defenders, junior Brad Hartschen gets enough yards for the first down. During the season, Hartschen rushed thirty times for 128 yards. photo by Johnston Advance

Trying to avoid a sack, senior quarterback Wade Sewell attempts to get off a pass. Sewell was second in the conference with 636 yards passing. photo by Johnston Advance

"Both teams had tremendous dedication. Through their hard work they influenced and bettered one another."

-Shari Walling, head coach



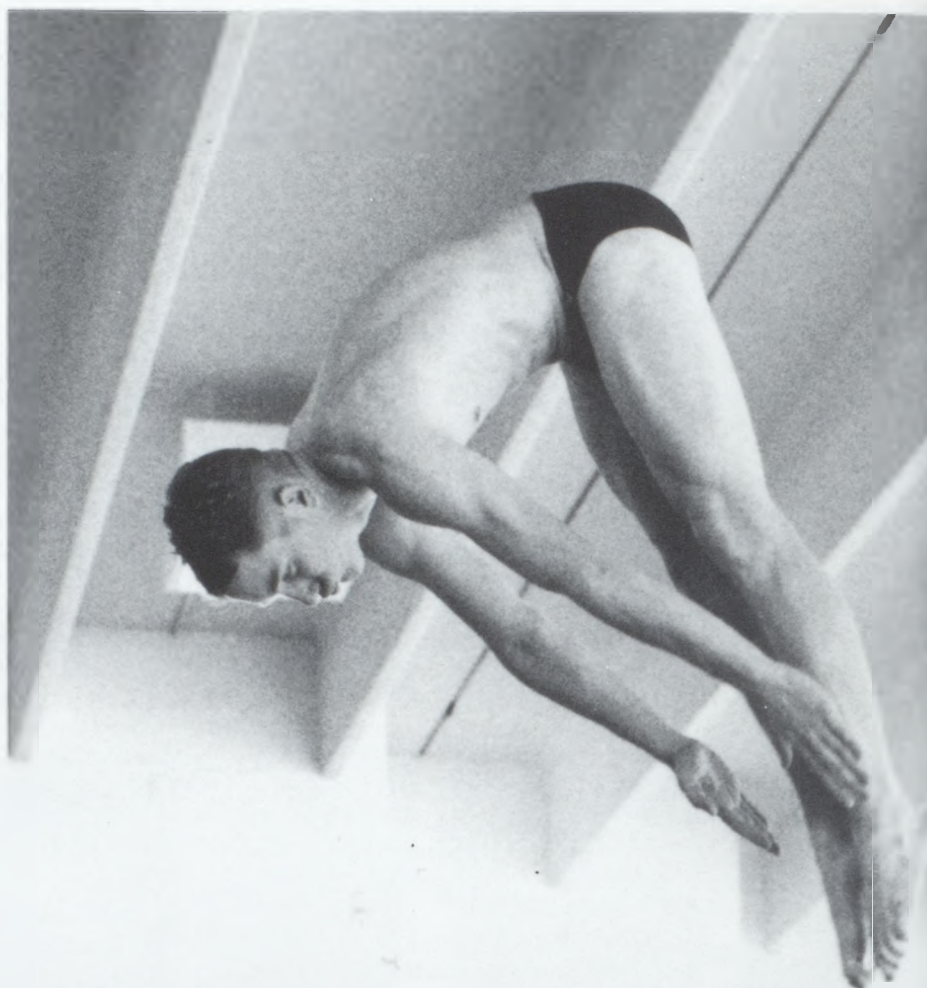
GIRLS' SWIMMING. Sara Myer, Julie Owen, Susan Woodhouse, Jodi Hill, Jenny Lund. **ROW 2.** Sara Hill, Cali McCune, Korry Jenkins, Emily Skow. **ROW 3.** Angie Rittgers, Chris Timmerman, Erin Casey, Erin Winnall, Sara Glasgow, Jacquie Harrison, Sarah Parks. **ROW 4.** Susan Sargent, Tara Thieleke, Molly Irvine, Tracey Westby, Andrea Hansen, Sarah Cunningham, Susie Stratemeyer, Coach Shari Walling, Assistant Coach Jay Schelin.

Girls' Swimming/Diving

Newton 102-78
Lincoln 113-75
Ankeny 119-51
Mason City 39-54
Dowling 73-113
Valley 72-114
Marshalltown 68-118
Ames 79-109
Ft. Dodge 105-78
Season Records 4-5

Boys' Swimming/Diving

S.E. Polk 116-70
Fort Dodge 102-83
Lincoln 118-67
Newton 115.5-69.5
Ankeny 80-90
Dowling 59-122
Mason City 108-62
Valley 106-80
Marshalltown 109-77
Ames 55-115
Season Record 7-3



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BOYS' SWIMMING. Ryan West, Neil Johnson, Ben Nichols, Tim Hegwood, John Glidewell, Sean Flannery, Kevin McConnell. **ROW 2.** Anson Williams, Josh Fausch, T.J. Sciorrotta, Alex LeGrand, Tyler Buitenwerf, Bob Johnson. **ROW 3.** Eric Abbey, Rusty Green, Andy Kreamer, Greg Reed, Mark Elliott, Dan Flannery, Brian Johnson.



DIVING

SHAVING, SWIMMING, WORKING

The Jayhawks and Dragons united once again to create a powerful force with unstoppable determination, making it evident that they were one big, happy family of hard workers. **Spread by Heidi Zeiger**

Junior Angie Rittgers smothered her arm in shaving cream as she began her full-body shave. She had to shave every part of her body that her swimsuit didn't cover except her hair on her head before state. Rittgers hadn't been allowed to shave her legs since Homecoming. Swimmers let their hair grow out, wore three swimsuits at one time, and at the end of the season even wore pantyhose to create drag. Drag slowed the swimmers down and made them work harder so they could improve their times.

From their first week of practice the girls' team worked hard. They went before and after school for four hours every day and swam again on Saturday for two hours. Sophomore Sara Myer said, "The beginning is the most important part of the season because depending on how hard you work decides how far you get."

The results of their hard work became evident when five girls qualified for state, three from Johnston: Myer, Rittgers and sophomore Emily Skow. These three and junior Julie Owen (Urbandale) finished 8th in the 400 and 10th in the 200 free relays. Their times broke school records. Skow broke the school record in the 100 freestyle and finished 9th. The team placed 13th at state.

The boys' team also had success. During the regular season senior Dan Flannery broke the 200 IM record, and freshman Sean Flannery, juniors John Glidewell and Tim Hegwood (Urbandale) and Dan Flannery broke the 400 free relay record. They sent six to state, three from Johnston: Dan Flannery and seniors Greg Reed and Mark Elliot. There they set six records. Reed placed 17th in the 200 medley relay and 16th in the 100 breaststroke. The boys' team finished 11th at state.

One thing that helped the boys' team was its sense of togetherness. Dan Flannery said, "It was sad to see it end. (Coach) Shari was 'mom' in the family and the other swimmers were like brothers."

Both teams worked hard from the beginning and success followed. They sent 11 swimmers to state and broke eleven school records. **Story by Heidi L. Johns**



Senior swimmer Dan Flannery and freshman swimmer Sean Flannery listen intently as coach Shari Walling mentally prepares Dan for his upcoming race in the state meet. The former finished second in the 200 freestyle, fifth in the 500 freestyle (setting new records both times) and was elected an All American Consideration Candidate. photo by Kris Kilibarda

Balance, timing and grace is visible as senior Rusty Green executes his dive for the critical judges. The 1993-94 season was Green's first year as a part of the Johnston/Urbandale diving team. Green placed highly in several meets and was honored as Athlete of the Week by *The Johnston Advance*. photo by Zac Voss- *The Johnston Advance*



Responding to the sound of the starting gun, sophomore Sara Myer pushes off the starting block looking for an edge against her competitors. At state, Myer placed seventh in the 500 freestyle and soon after was elected "Most Valuable Player" by her teammates. photo by Zac Voss- *The Johnston Advance*

"We improved so much that we could actually play volleyball instead of just hitting balls off our heads. We always had the enthusiasm and effort to win even if we lost."

-Christine Notis, freshman



JV VOLLEYBALL. Alejandra Marquez, Kate Jones. **ROW 2.** Kris Tedesco, Stephanie Sowers, Becky Miller, Lisa Shanley, Kari Tank, Megan Kalamaja. **ROW 3.** Coach Cheryl Greiman, Jane Zirkebach, Annie Mullenix, Kelly Newsom, Morgan Anderson, Megan Bengard, Kirsten Angstrom.



FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL. Kellie Barney, Kyla Kiestler, Whitney Mercer, Alyssa Friedow, Morgan Cavanaugh, Reanna Larson, Christine Notis. **ROW 2.** Amber Petersen, Jenny Hunter, Jamie Mai, Coach Kari Staack, Paige Stover, Jana Yanders, Casey Abler, Katie Hoss, Angi Weisz.

Junior Varsity Volleyball

North 2-1
Winterset 3-0
Ballard 2-0
Pella Christian 1-1
Bondurant Farrar 0-2
DC Grimes 1-1
Saydel 0-2
Nevada 3-0
Norwalk 2-1
Boone 1-2
Ballard 3-0
Pella Christian 0-3
Pella Christian 0-2
North Mahuska 2-0
VWM 1-1
Pleasantville 2-0
Oskaloosa A 1-1
Oskaloosa B 1-1
Centerville 2-0
Marshalltown 1-1
Fairfield 1-1

Carlisle 3-0
Adel De Soto 2-0
Grandview PB 1-1
Oskaloosa 0-2
Clarke 3-1
Freshman Volleyball
Nevada 2-1
Norwalk 1-2
Boone 1-2
Ballard 1-2
Pella Christian 1-2
Webster City 1-1
Nevada 0-2
Ballard 1-1
Boone 1-1
Carlisle 3-0
Nevada 0-2
Clarke 1-1
Pleasantville 1-1
Carlisle 1-1
Clarke 2-1



TAPING

BLOCKING, ACING, PASSING

Enthusiasm carried both the freshman and junior varsity teams through the season. Small inconveniences were surpassed with consistent teamwork, constant effort and everlasting stamina. Oh, and don't forget about the rolls of tape. Spread by Tara Guttridge and Danielle Carroll

Tape on the floor, tape on the knees, tape on the wrists, tape on the shirts, tape on the...what?

The whistle was blown. The referee made a not-so-ordinary net call. The JV volleyball team filled with laughter and the look on sophomore Becky Miller's face told the whole story. She had been caught with her chest in the net. "I was shocked they could give a call like that. My friends told me to tape my chest down."

Roll after roll of tape was also used for wrists, knees and fingers. Injured sophomore Kirsten Angstrom jokingly said, "I felt bad for using so much tape. I mean, my wrist, Laura's knee and Becky's... well, you know." Last minute taping was a big part of game preparation. Because of the lack of uniforms, some players were required to wear last years' shirts. This led to a repetition of numbers. Again, tape was the solution.

Starting the year both teams had more than taping problems. The JV team didn't always practice together, making game time coordination difficult. The freshmen had to get accustomed to a more serious and competitive environment, including a new offense. Freshman coach Kari Staack said, "We had some problems, but by the last game everything came together. Their mental strength and athletic ability pulled through."

The JV team had many strong athletes, with as many as four all-around players. This helped them through many tough battles, including one against Pella Christian. In an attempt to defeat the Eagles, the Dragons worked on safer serving and a stronger approach. JV coach Cheryl Greiman said, "The game against Pella Christian was a battle of two tough teams. The girls played close, and I was satisfied with how well they worked together."

Both teams' intense stamina and adhesiveness pushed them through the year. While the freshman team struggled to win, the JV team finished with an impressive record. It seemed evident that it was not whether they won or lost, or how they played the game. It was the way they wore their tape. Story by Danielle Carroll and Tara Guttridge

As a part of her daily routine, sophomore Laura Block peels away the layers of tape. Despite her recurring knee problems, Block led the JV team in setting and set for the varsity team. Block was asked to try out for the USVBA team. photo by Danielle Carroll



During a warm-up freshman Jana Yanders works to improve her passing technique. Game preparation was a key to the freshman team's success. A normal warm-up consisted of passing and spiking drills, hitting lines, and downballs. photo by Tara Guttridge



Junior Karl Tank bounds into the air to complete a pass during a game against Boone. Tank had an 81% passing accuracy. Tank also had the most aces(66). Because of these statistics, Coach Greiman nicknamed her "The Leader of the Pack." photo by Danielle Carroll

"The season had its ups and downs, more downs than ups. We lost more than we won and it seemed like everyone was against each other. We beat Pella Christian at the Osky Tournament. That really got us pumped because we had never beaten them before."

-Amy Myer, junior



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL. Amanda Brannan, Crissy Hammen, Christy Jones, Julie Kotz, Jaime Johnson. **ROW 2.** Laura Block, Amanda Gardner, Libby Herrmann, Kari Tank, Lisa Shanley, Carri Hansen, Jennifer Jones, Amy Myer, Coach Nancy Wuttke.

Varsity Volleyball

North 3-0
Winterset 0-3
Nevada 1-3
Ballard Tournament 7-5
Norwalk 0-3
Saydel Tournament 4-6
Boone 2-3
Little Hawkeye Conference Tournament 2-4
Ballard 0-3
Oskaloosa Tournament 9-9
Pella Christian 0-3
Johnston Invitational 2-4
Carlisle 0-3
Clarke 1-3
Ankeny 0-3
Season Record 7-19-10



Playing the back row, senior Julie Kotz dives for the ball. Kotz finished the season completing 81.7% of her passes on serve receive. photo by Emily Gelormino



SERVING, RECEIVING, STRUGGLING

ROTATING

The varsity team had trouble finding consistency throughout the season. This resulted from frequent changes in the line-up due to injuries and inexperience. Spread by Emily Gelormino and Jennifer Jones

"The loss of one of our most outstanding blockers before the season even started proved to be a big setback for the team," said varsity volleyball coach Nancy Wuttke. During a preseason scrimmage senior Amanda Brannan jumped to block a ball, landed wrong and broke her ankle. This left the team with only two returning lettermen.

Brannan was missed but was soon replaced by junior Amy Myer. Myer held the position of middle hitter/blocker for a couple of weeks but was then moved to the left side, and junior Kari Tank took the position. Brannan returned with two weeks left in the season and replaced Tank. All of these changes made it difficult for the other players to feel comfortable playing with each other. Halfway through the season Coach Wuttke decided to switch sophomores Lisa Shanley to setter and Laura Block to right-side hitter. They basically switched roles. This made it difficult for the hitters because they had to adjust to a new setter.

"We could have had a better season if we worked together," said Block. "We didn't have a lot of confidence because she (Wuttke) took it away from us.

I wish we had a set rotation so that we each could know what we were doing."

One thing the team was known for was their theme, "Slam! Dah-Da-Da!" They displayed this on the back of their team t-shirts. "Block and Shanley and I would always dance around during practice and always made fun of the song. It became a team thing," said team captain, senior Jaime Johnson.

Despite their uplifting theme, the season did not turn out the way the players had hoped. "It seemed like we were off to a good start when we beat North. They were a metro team, really talked up with Tashika Lewis. Everything went downhill. It wasn't what I expected," said Johnson. Story by Emily Gelormino and Jennifer Jones

Junior Carri Hansen spikes the ball over the net against a Nevada player. Juniors Amanda Gardner and Jennifer Jones prepare to defend the block. Hansen was named to the Saydel Invitational all-tournament team. She finished the season with 66 ace hits. photo by Johnston Advance



A frustrated Lisa Shanley lies on the floor after diving for a ball. Despite Shanley's efforts, play was stopped because junior Carri Hansen caught the ball. Junior Amanda Gardner steps toward the pass but pulls back after comprehending the error. Shanley, a sophomore, played setter and right-side hitter for the Varsity Dragons. photo by Bryan Burkhardt

To wish her luck before her last home game, junior Amy Myer shares a hug with senior Julie Kotz. Myer often played the front row for Kotz who was a back row specialist. photo by Emily Gelormino



"The State Wrestling Tournament was a very emotional time for everyone that went. It was a great feeling to be supporting the team."

-Kristy Wilges, '96



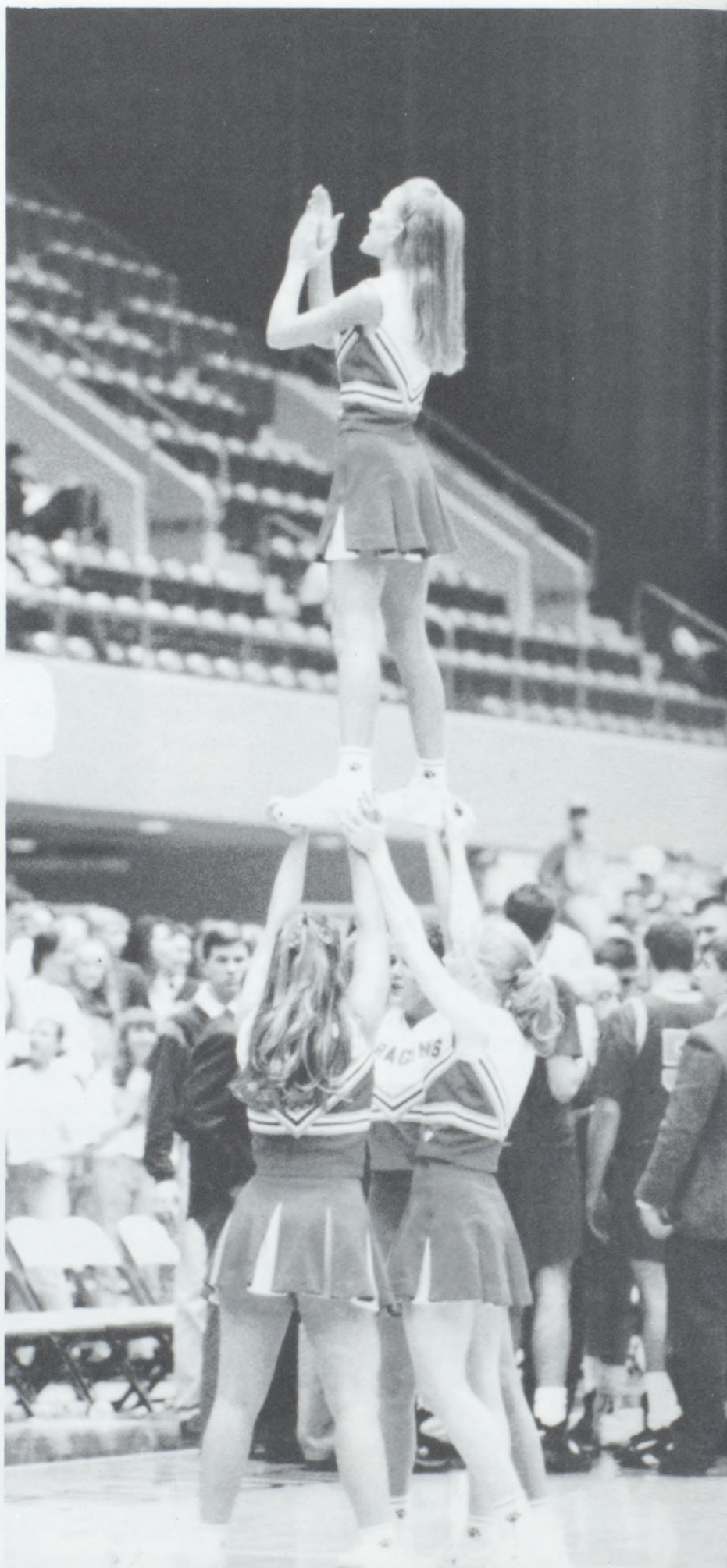
VARSITY CHEERLEADING. Lara Newsom, Joy Phillips. **ROW 2.** Lissa Smith, Bradie Knapp. **ROW 3.** Heather Wheeler, Amanda Fisher, Heather Zortman, Shannon Fisher, Lisa Musselman, Jane Zirkelbach. **ROW 4.** May-Lee Beckham. **ROW 5.** Danielle Willey, Teresa White, Kristin Robinson, Bree Chambers, Kristy Wilges.



POM SQUAD. Bree Chambers, Heather Zortman, Bradie Knapp. **ROW 2.** Amanda Carothers. **ROW 3.** Joy Phillips, Danielle Englehart, Amanda Fisher. **ROW 4.** Jaime Johnson, Shannon Fisher, Libby Herrmann, Lisa Shanley, Suzy Hawkins.



JV CHEERLEADING. Tara Guttridge, Danielle Williams, Marcie Peterson, Amanda DeReus, Danielle Englehart, Annie Mullenix. **ROW 2.** Brooke Miller, Jenna Logan, Lisa Gentile, Emily Brown, Wendi Collins, Mandy Jamison, Kristen Norris. **ROW 3.** Emily Houle, Kelly Angstrom, Krista Jackson, Ashley Sires, Jamie Mai, Amanda Coates, Whitney Mercer.



JUMPING, DANCING, DRAWING

ENTERTAINMENT

Cheerleaders and pom squad members used their talents to entertain the crowd and show support for the teams. Whether at the State Tournaments or in their own high school gym, they were an apparent part of the sports scene. Spread by Lissa Smith

"You need to be sharper. Take it from the top again... 5-6-7-8." "Why isn't this working?" "I think my arms are falling off!"

These were familiar comments heard during pom squad and cheerleading practices. Many may not have known the amount of time and effort cheerleaders and pom squad members spent to entertain the crowd and support the teams.

Stunt practices before games proved to be grueling with the pressures of throwing, flying and catching. This was enough to break anyone into a sweat, especially junior Heather Zortman who once, when being thrown in a basket toss before a game, lost control and came crashing down from fifteen feet in the air.

"After being dropped I felt so bad. I thought I had done something wrong. I just wanted to try again until we got it right. We've had a lot of great throws, but every so often we just don't get it to work," said Zortman. However, Zortman's confidence wasn't shaken. "Even after falling I know I have trustworthy tossers and catchers below me."

Cheerleaders were not the only ones experiencing set backs. Pom squad members were seen but often not heard as technical difficulties occurred with their sound system.

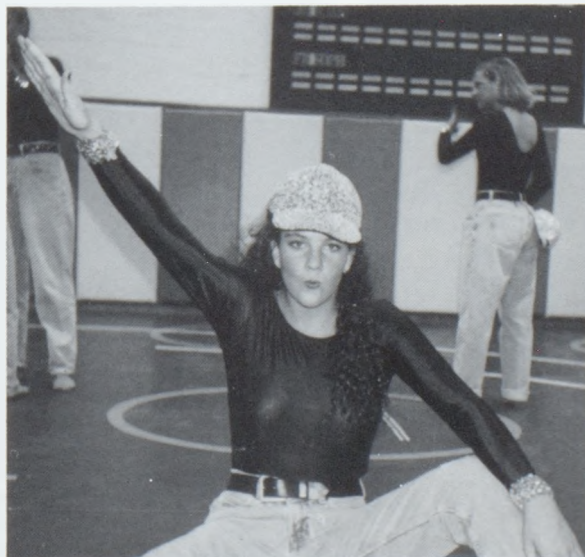
"You can't believe how embarrassing it is to stand in front of the whole crowd counting out the dance after all that practice," said senior Amanda Carothers. "We spent so many hours memorizing moves and positions, it's disappointing to end up with a performance that can't be heard"

Cheerleaders' artistic abilities were also evident. Locker and wall signs advised team members to "Whomp Winterset" or "Nuke Norwalk." These efforts seemed to be appreciated by the athletes and fans. Junior Heather Wheeler said, "I didn't mind making locker signs because I knew my time and effort weren't going to waste. Nick (Mitchell) always kept his signs and gave me credit for them." **Story by Lissa Smith**



Senior cheerleader, pom squad and court member Joy Phillips dances with her date and prize, a goldfish, after taking part in the crowning of Winter Formal royalty. Cheerleaders and pom squad sponsored the 1994 Winter Formal with the theme of Winter Paradise. Joy was the first All-State cheerleader to represent Johnston on the squad. photo by Danny Rushing

Varsity basketball cheerleaders and seniors Lissa Smith, Joy Phillips and Bradie Knapp raise sophomore Amanda Fisher in a second floor extension in the first round of the Boys' State Basketball Tournament. photo by Doug Martin



Senior Bradie Knapp perfects her finishing position during a dress rehearsal prior to the actual performance. Pom squad performed during halftime at various home games. Besides being a member of pom squad, Knapp was also a football and basketball cheerleader. photo by Lissa Smith

"One game the other team was harrasing Luc (Cisna). The whistle blew and Luc thought there should be a penalty on the other team. He went to talk to the refs and he came up and hit the ref. He was out for about five games."

-Blake Cruikshank, junior



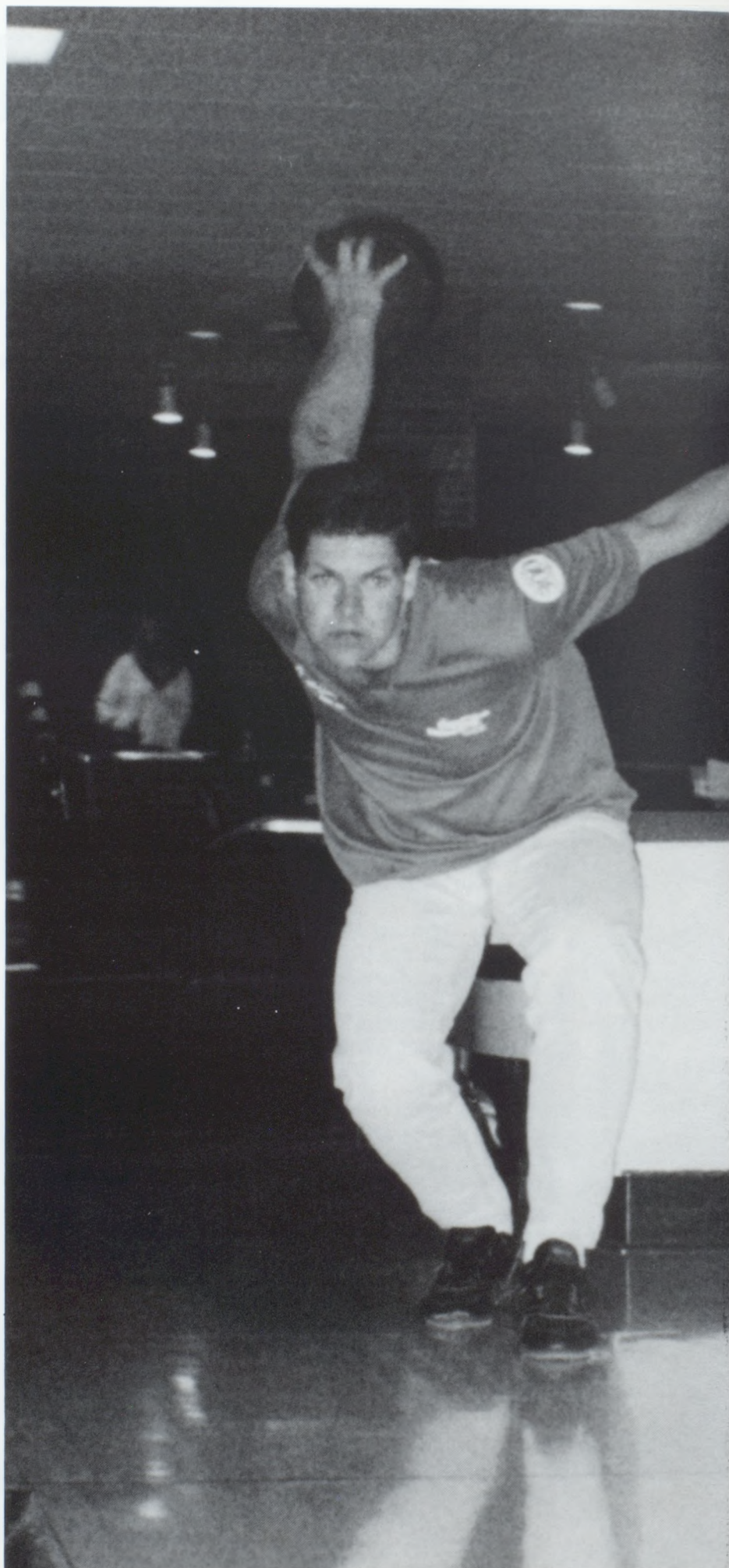
BOWLING. Shannon Pecinovsky, Todd Ferrin, Pat Nigon. **Not Pictured:** Jon Yanders, Mike Wicks. **HOCKEY, ROW 2.** Blake Cruikshank, Luc Cisna. **Not Pictured:** Jeremy Comer.

Hockey

Dubuque 6-2	Sioux City 3-1
Omaha 5-4	St. Joseph 4-1
St. Joseph 6-0	St. Joseph 5-3
Mason City 0-3	Waterloo 3-1
Mason City 1-2	Waterloo 5-1
Omaha 3-3	Dubuque 4-1
Omaha 0-1	Ames 6-5
Omaha 1-1	Ames 4-3
Omaha 4-1	Omaha 4-3
Sioux City 2-3	St. Joseph 4-3
Sioux City 4-7	Waterloo 4-2
Omaha 3-2	Omaha 1-2
Omaha 5-1	Ames 3-5
Sioux City 8-3	Season Record 18-7-2



During the game against Sioux City Junior Blake Cruikshank receives a pass from a Tiger teammate. Cruikshank began his crushing career with intimidating size, taking the ice first at the age of four. photo by Don Cruikshank



STRIKING, SKATING, SMASHING

SPENDING

Hockey and bowling participants paid high prices of both time and money to stay in the game. These athletes broke away from the traditional molds representing the school in other areas. Spread by Jason Benbow and Kim Ruisch

One wouldn't have seen them running sprints through the halls after school, nor would one have had to mop their sweat off the gym floor. These athletes were not financially supported by the school, but they represented it well in their own arenas. The hockey and bowling league members set their own pace and paid the necessary price in less-publicized sports that for many of them had filled large parts of their lives.

Getting knocked around on a little bit of frozen H₂O for hours at a time had become habit for senior Luc Cisna, junior Blake Cruikshank and sophomore Jeremy Comer. All three had been playing on ice since their childhood and were part of the Tigers, a hockey team comprised mostly of Valley and Dowling students. The players spent an average of ten hours a week at practice and on the road and ended up spending \$1500-\$2000 in expenses.

The team set a goal to remain state champions, and although their season record reflected excellent playing, this goal was not achieved.

"We had the longest winning streak in the league," said Cisna. "But we had some bad luck at state." The team held third after a tough game against Sioux City and finished fourth in the tournament.

Although not quite as costly and a little less dangerous to the bones, the five members of the bowling team represented the school in another nontraditional arena. Seniors Shannon Pecinovsky and Jon Yanders and sophomores Todd Ferrin, Pat Nigon and Mike Wicks bowled in two high school bowling competitions.

Most members of the bowling team also began participating in their sport at an early age. Said Yanders of his interest, "It runs in my family. My dad bowls, my grandpa bowls, heck, my mom even bowls." The team bowled at districts and qualified for state. Their goal of finishing as one of the top five teams was reached and team finished fourth in the state.

After hours of practice and, for some, years of experience, participants of hockey and bowling leagues got some return on their investment, finishing successful seasons and receiving recognition from the state. Story by Kim Ruisch

Practicing at Plaza Lanes senior Jon Yanders prepares to strike. Yanders bowled with several different leagues throughout high school. He perfected his talent well enough to receive \$2500 in college scholarships and planned to bowl on the collegiate level at the University of Northern Iowa. photo by Jason Benbow



Senior Shannon Pecinovsky follows through with his attempt at a strike. Pecinovsky, shown practicing at Plaza Lanes Family Recreation Center, finished his fourth season. He accomplished a personal goal when he was selected as captain of the all-state team. photo by Jason Benbow



Senior Luc Cisna faces off with an opponent during a season game. Cisna accomplished his personal goals by being named MVP and being selected to the Chicago Showcase tournament team. photo by John Cisna

"In the beginning we played individually. Eventually we started passing and discovered that we scored a lot more points when we weren't dependent on one person."

- Lisa Gentile, freshman



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL. Michelle Hill, Christy Thies, Lisa Gentile, Lauren Pendergraft. **ROW 2.** Jill Cameron, Alyssa Samuelson, Paige Stover, Kyla Kiester. **ROW 3.** Sara Hill, Ellen Bryant, Angie Hefner, Jenny Reed, Jana Yanders. **ROW 4.** Coach Dave Beason.



SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL. Jodi Hill, Shannon Caltrider, Laura Block, Nicole Timmins. **ROW 2.** Jodee Kennel. **ROW 3.** May-Lee Beckham, Lisa Shanley, Coach Rick Rynning, Becky Miller, Alicia Rollison.

Freshman Girls' Basketball

Nevada 36-39
Pella Christian 23-26
Carlisle 32-23
Indianola Tournament 26-43
Winterset 46-44
Boone 44-48
Clarke 27-25
Nevada 35-44
Carlisle 45-32
Winterset 44-36
Boone 37-53
Clarke 35-23
Norwalk 41-34
Norwalk 43-19
Winterset Tournament 39-25
SE Polk Tournament 31-49
Valley Tournament 29-52
Season Record 9-8

Sophomore Girls' Basketball

North 36-31
East 42-48
North 58-32
East 44-31
Ankeny 49-47
Nevada 37-26
Pella Christian 39-42
Winterset 36-32
Winterset 51-35
Boone 48-27
Clarke 39-37
Pella 50-16
Nevada 45-22
Carlisle 26-41
Winterset 39-33
Boone 64-34
Nevada 40-21
Pella Christian 37-26
Season Record 15-3



SHOOTING

REBOUNding, DRIBBLING, HUSTLING

Strands of hair and good defense brought sophomores good luck in tight games. With the same intensity in their games, freshmen had to depend on teamwork. Spread by Danielle Carroll and Heidi Johns

The buzz of the razor grew louder as sophomore Lisa Shanley anticipated the touch against her head. "I felt like a guy. I was scared that it would look bad and I couldn't undo it," Shanley said. When the razor was finally shut off, four sophomore girls' basketball players had lightning bolts in their hair, a fistful of hair and a feeling of great excitement.

The team brought their strands of hair with them to the first few games for good luck and to keep them pumped. These games were especially difficult for the girls since they had a shallow bench and couldn't substitute in very often. Sophomore Shannon Caltrider said, "Since we were such a small team we got tired during the first couple games, but after awhile we got in shape."

The sophomore team had an aggressive defense that caused many turnovers because they were quick and in good shape. "Our defense was our strength," said sophomore Alicia Rollison. "We hustled and never gave up. It kept us in a lot of games and even won some for us." One such game was against Ankeny. They stayed in the game and won by a last second shot in overtime.

The freshmen also had nerve-racking games that were won in a few seconds. Freshman Jill Cameron said, "We were playing Clarke when Kyla Kiester made a last second shot to win the game."

The freshman team struggled at the beginning of the season but worked on their game plan and improved greatly. "We started off with a losing record and not having much fun, but we worked harder, made it fun and in the end we pulled through with a winning season," said freshman Sara Hill.

Both teams had rocky beginnings as the sophomores struggled with a small team and the freshmen lost many games. Though both teams had their obstacles they were able to overcome them and ended up with winning seasons. Story by Danielle Carroll and Heidi Johns

Turning toward the basket freshman Kyla Kiester prepares to shoot. Kiester started as a forward for the freshman team. She had a total of 122 points for the season and 60 rebounds. photo by Heidi Johns



In order to stay in front of her Winterset opponent, sophomore May-Lee Beckham runs sideways across the court. Beckham played guard on the sophomore team. photo by Heidi Johns



Sophomore Alicia Rollison holds her arms up high to prevent a shot by Nevada. Rollison played in the guard position. The Lady Dragons went on to win the game against Nevada 40-21. photo by Heidi Johns

"The five-on-five game is a lot different than the six-on-six. Besides it being a fast pace game, we all had different aspects of the game we had to get better at. It was a frustrating year but we're all getting better and the program is getting stronger."

-Elaine Jarnagin, junior



GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL. Carri Hansen, Jami Kennel, Elaine Jamagin, Jennifer Jones. **ROW 2.** Stephanie Grant, Teresa White, Amy Meyer, Iona Doster. **ROW 3.** Assistant Coach Jim Wandro, Jenn Heinen, Megan Little, Sarah Schoper, Jaime Johnson, Head Coach Justin Carlson.

Girls' Varsity Basketball

East 46-51
North 43-48
North 44-55
Nevada 39-41
Pella Christian 44-38
Carlisle 45-42
Winterset 54-41
Pleasantville 44-36
Boone 32-37
Perry 37-46

Pella 39-29
Clarke 34-46
Norwalk 47-41
Pella Christian 17-41
Carlisle 42-44
Winterset 32-49
Boone 47-25
Clarke 28-49
Norwalk 43-46
Nevada 43-29
Lincoln 24-69
Season Record 8-13



Junior Jenn Heinen looks past her opponent searching for an open teammate. Heinen had 135 rebounds and eight blocks for the year. photo by Jason Benbow



T • BLOCKING, FOULING, SHOOTING • RANSITION

Changing from six-on-six to five-on-five brought both dedication and frustration. Despite the mid-season disputes, the players dedicated themselves to improving the team unity. Spread by Lissa Smith and Jason Benbow

The girls' varsity basketball team began the season with one major change. Instead of three players on each side of the half-court line there were five sprinting up and down the court.

The high-intensity play of five-on-five basketball required much adjustment from the slower six-on-six game. Lack of overall knowledge caused a lot of frustration as many players had to deal with new positions and different ball handling skills.

The most apparent frustration showed itself in the attitude of the players. Senior Jami Kennel said, "Our job on the court is to work as a team and win. We had people fighting over playing time which hurt our team unity, making the new adjustment even more frustrating."

Because of the change, the team had a few more losses than Coach Justin Carlson had anticipated. However, Carlson believed that the girls gained a lot from these losses. He said, "Our last game at Lincoln was a real eye opener for the girls. It showed them what the competition was like in Class 4A, giving them the opportunity to learn how to deal with the larger schools."

Despite their losing record, the varsity girls still managed to have some fun. Junior center Jenn Heinen said, "It was right around Valentine's Day and we were in the mood to do something comical. Everyone wore colorful underwear underneath our home uniforms. Victoria's Secret heart panties are a real crowd pleaser."

Even though their season contained some disappointments, the Lady Dragons managed to work out their frustrations, improve their five-on-five techniques, and got a chance to sport some colorful briefs. Story by Lissa Smith and Jason Benbow



Rushing down the court senior guard Jami Kennel puts herself in position for an incoming pass. Kennel had 25 steals and led the team with 21 assists. photo by Jason Benbow

While getting fouled, junior Carri Hansen eyes her three-point attempt. Hansen led the Dragons in three-pointers with a season total of thirty. photo by Jason Benbow



Senior Iona Doster uses her defensive skills to guard her opponent. Doster had a total of 161 points averaging 7.6 points per game for the season. photo by Jason Benbow

"It was really weird. The whole team clicked. No one carried the whole load and led the team. I've never seen a team work better together."

-Nick Iwig, sophomore



FRESHMAN BOYS' BASKETBALL. Chris Kroeger, Todd Bass, Jeff Allen, Ryan Roeth, Cory Sebastian, John Tyrrel, Jared Grant, Adam Corcoran. **ROW 2.** Ken Jones, Ryan Ruisch, Pete Floren, Mark Oiler, Casey Hansen, Kevin Goering, Tre Morris, Brian Freeman, D'Andre Newson.



SOPHOMORE BOYS' BASKETBALL. Matt Simpson, Christopher Stafford. **ROW 2.** Tim Halling, Jay Nichols, Casey Smith, Jon Ross, Myles Cochran. **ROW 3.** Josh Twedt, Jon Vocelka, Cory Kiper, Brian Blessman, Travis Schuling, Nick Iwig, Ryan Gray, Matt Kunert.

Freshman Boys' Basketball

Urbandale 61-64
Nevada 39-48
Roosevelt 64-66
Hoover 50-46
Pella Christian 65-63
Carlisle 53-54
Winterset 66-34
Boone 55-79
Clarke 85-37
Nevada 35-60
Carlisle 68-52
Winterset 63-42
Boone 67-64
North 63-68
Clarke 83-35
Norwalk 70-50
Norwalk 74-66
Season Record 10-7

Soph. Boys' Basketball

North 64-44
Lincoln 62-42
Urbandale 64-63
Nevada 62-51
Pella Christian 66-45
Carlisle 66-57
Winterset 86-30
Boone 60-45
Pella 39-37
Clarke 63-33
Nevada 65-42
Carlisle 49-46
Winterset 81-30
Boone 84-49
Hoover 58-49
Norwalk 63-51
Winterset 66-46
Perry 63-48
Nevada 59-57
Season Record 19-0



U- PRACTICING, CONDITIONING, ADJUSTING NITING

Whether it was practicing the fundamentals or listening to Lawler's lectures, the freshman and sophomore boys' basketball teams found inner strength to end the season with a winning record. Spread by Steve Ring and Emily Gelormino

"No man is an island. If we go backward it's not one man's fault - it's everyone's. If we go forward it's not one man's achievement - it's everyone's. Our progress is a result of our unity. Working together means winning together."

This quote, given to the sophomores during tryouts, fit the basketball team to a T. They coasted through the season with a record of 16-0. "Everyone on the team had one job and one job only. When everyone did their job well, our team played well," said forward Nick Iwig.

Without having a large goal like the varsity's anticipation of the state tournament, the sophomore team had to go elsewhere for motivation. "We approached one game at a time, whereby each game would be a new challenge. The team's goal was to go undefeated," said Coach Larry Lawler.

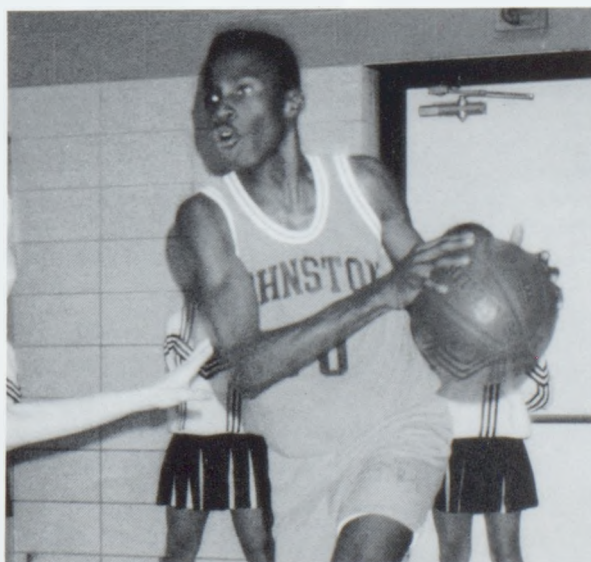
Shooting guard Tim Halling said, "We knew we had a shot (at going undefeated). Coach Lawler's experience and aggressive personality kept us motivated and in focus during each second of each game."

The sophomores' drive to win was matched by the freshmen. The freshman team focused more on the fundamentals. "Practices with Coach Kinder were relaxed and laid-back. We rarely conditioned and that hurt us in the long run," said freshman Jared Grant.

The freshman basketball team needed to adapt to Coach Jerry Kinder's style of playing. "Practices weren't as serious this year and we had trouble adjusting to the new plays. Over the course of the season, though, we became unified as a team," said Brian Sheeks.

Overcoming the psychological struggle added strength to the Dragons' physical battle on the court. Each team's winning record was a product of their achievement. Story by Steve Ring and Emily Gelormino

After giving the head fake, freshman D'Andre Newson explodes past his Boone defender toward the basket. Newson averaged 14 points a game for the Dragons. photo by Steve Ring



Freshman Tre Morris looks for an open teammate as he attempts to break the defensive press. Morris started on the "B" team and scored a season high of 24 points on January 14 against Norwalk. photo by Sarah Hamilton



With all the choices given to sophomore starter Jon Ross, he decides to beat his tripped-up defender to the basket. Ross was one of the few that was moved up to varsity toward the end of the season. photo by Danielle Carroll

It was unbelievable (winning the state championship). It was like something that you never thought could happen to you.

- D. J. Danner, senior



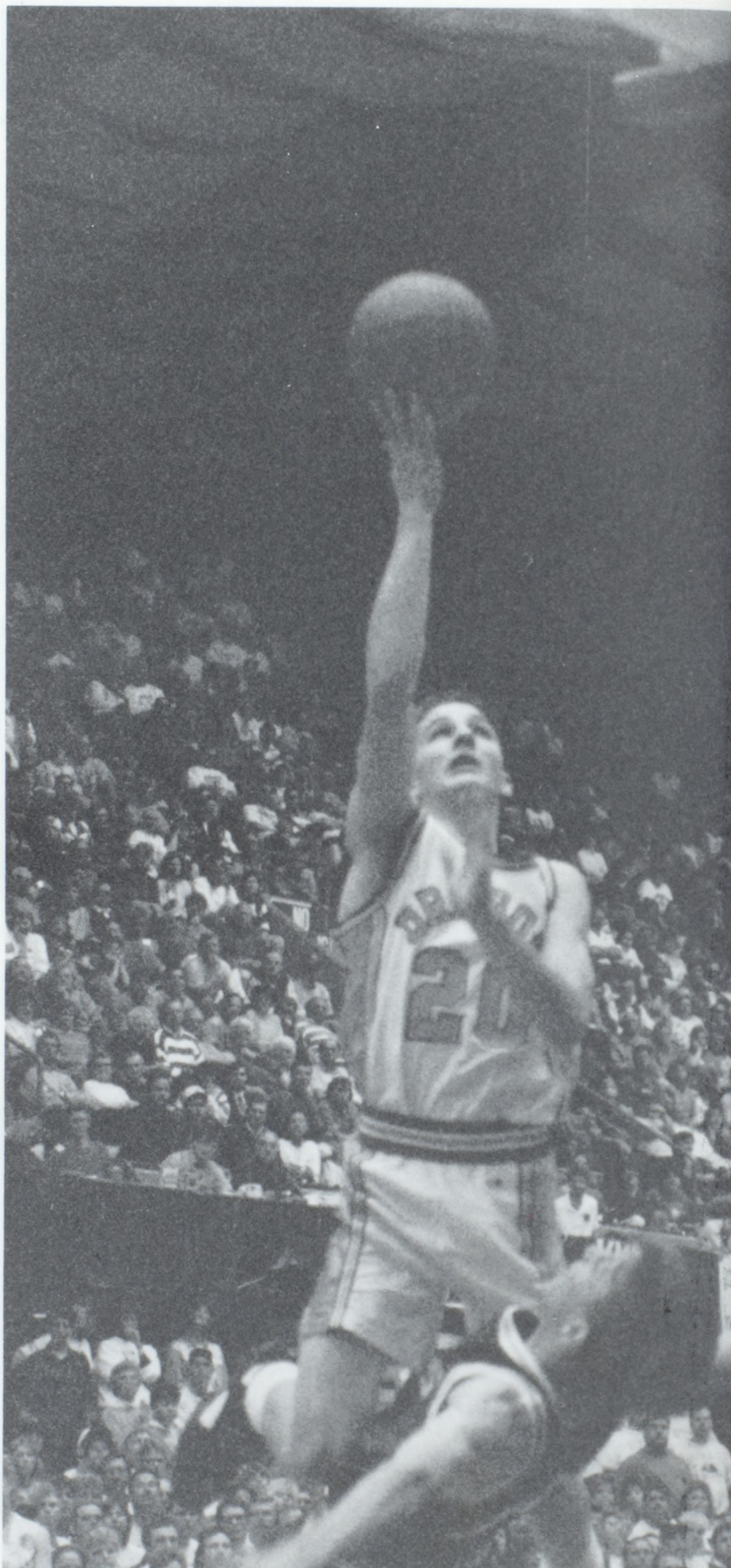
VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL. Manager Ben Carroll, Manager Eric Johnson, Chris Danner, Matt Sundblad, Jeff Meyers, Wade Sewell, Matt Simpson. **ROW 2.** Coach Brad Johnson, Brian Blessman, Jeff Fisher, Aaron Vis, Aaron Corcoran, Ryan Flynn, David Block, Ryan Crowder, Lane Sires, Jon Ross, D.J. Danner, Coach Larry Lawler, Coach Frank Sanders, Coach Jerry Kinder.

Varsity Boys' Basketball

North 88-90	Hoover 78-74
DeWitt Central 83-56	Norwalk 104-77
Nevada 72-50	Winterset 96-57
Pella Christian 82-75	Perry 73-56
Carlisle 85-56	Nevada 94-64
Boone 89-66	Saydel 106-43
Pella 50-34	Nevada 52-29
Clarke 83-45	Adel-DeSoto/Minburn 78-67
Norwalk 86-55	Season Record 21-1
Pella Christian 65-47	State Tournament
Carlisle 73-55	Cedar Rapids Regis 71-65
Winterset 83-53	South Tama 82-64
Boone 95-53	New Hampton 82-67
Clarke 83-62	State Record 3-0



The joy of winning the state tournament is evident as Coach Larry Lawler embraces number 50, senior David Block, while Coach Brad Johnson congratulates senior forward Wade Sewell. photo by Steve Ring



ACHIEVING, SCORING, CONQUERING

SOARING

Despite their early loss to Des Moines North, the varsity team pressed onward throughout the season to secure a 21-1 record and the first place trophy at state tournament. Spread by Steve Ring and Emily Gelormino

"Not tall but talented." That was *The Des Moines Register's* comment about the Johnston Dragons, then ranked sixth, before the season started. The average height of the starters was slightly over six feet so these words sized up the team perfectly.

After a close loss to Class 4A Des Moines North in their season opener, the Dragons never looked back. They won their next 21 regular season games by an average of 24 points per game to propel them into the state tournament.

The Dragons shook their tournament jitters and defeated Ceder Rapids Regis in the first round.

In the semifinal game the Dragons obliterated South Tama 82-64 and advanced to the finals.

On March 19, the scene was set. The number one ranked Johnston Dragons faced the returning champion New Hampton Chickasaws.

"We went into the final game thinking the pressure was on New Hampton because they were the defending state champions," said senior forward Ryan Flynn.

New Hampton broke out to a 16-10 lead. The Dragons responded by scoring the next 13 points, and entered halftime with a commanding 41-25 advantage.

The second half consisted of small runs by each team. First, the Chickasaws cut the 16-point lead in half. The Dragons answered by scoring the next 10 points. Then New Hampton scored 11 straight points to bring the game back to within six. The Dragons regrouped and went into their stall offense. By making all ten of their clutch free throws the Dragons became the school's first ever Class 3A champions.

Junior Chris Danner was named to the all-tournament team and junior Matt Sundblad was named captain.

"Being named to the all-tournament team capped it all off. It was a nice honor but I kind of enjoy having the state title more," said Sundblad.

By using their quickness, three-point shooting and all around teamwork, the Johnston Dragons brought home the title. Story by Steve Ring



Protecting the basketball from a Regis defender, junior all-state captain Matt Sundblad looks for an open teammate. Sundblad averaged 20 points a game and shot 87 percent from the free throw line. photo by Steve Ring

Soaring over his South Tama defender, junior Chris Danner lays in two of his 27 points in the semifinal tournament game. Danner was named to the all-tournament team and scored an average of 16 points a game during the regular season. photo by Steve Ring



Senior David Block explodes to the basket in a game against Clarke of Osceola. Block led the team in rebounds with an average of 6.4 a game. Block also shot 60 percent from the field. photo by Steve Ring

"Last year we had a lot of strong seniors which we lost this season. Rolo, Beaman Mahoney and Smart all gave the team the strength we needed. Even so, I honestly feel that what we lost in strength we gained in heart."

-Tim Eblen, junior



WRESTLING. Ben Barnes, Steve Rodriguez, Brian Wattier, Todd Pembroke, Corey Dickey, Tim Eblen, Nick Mitchell, Matt Madison. **ROW 2.** Doug Langworthy, Jared Adams, Dennis Allers, Travis Beveridge, Kevin Whitehill, Manager Crissy Hammen, Manager Nate Slauson, Manager Gretchen Powell, Nick Baker, Tommy Myers, Shaun Riley, Peter Alexander, Tim Hruska. **ROW 3.** Mike Bennett, Bill Gulling, Jason Ceretti, Randy Britson, Coach Jerry Stratton, Coach Frank Baltzley, Nathan Jorgenson, Coach Mark Johnson, Coach Mike Halder, Joe McClung, Aaron Toney, Kelly Pierce, John Carr.

Wrestling

Urbandale 34-27

Hoover 63-9

Bondurant Inv. First Place

Clarke 21-42

Carlisle Inv. Second Place

Carlisle 36-26

Norsemen Inv. First Place

Boone 48-24

Boone Inv. First Place

Perry 58-18

Valley Dual Team

Urbandale 26-44

Webster City 18-51

Lisbon 48-28

Valley 19-42

Winterset 25-42

Johnston Inv.

South Tama 41-30

Adel-DeSoto/Minburn 41-34

Hoover 70-6

Bondurant-Farrar 39-23

JSPC 36-24

Norwalk 49-21

Valley 22-43

Lincoln Inv.

Lincoln 54-20

Roosevelt 54-18

Ottumwa 38-34

Hoover 67-5

Ankeny 27-43

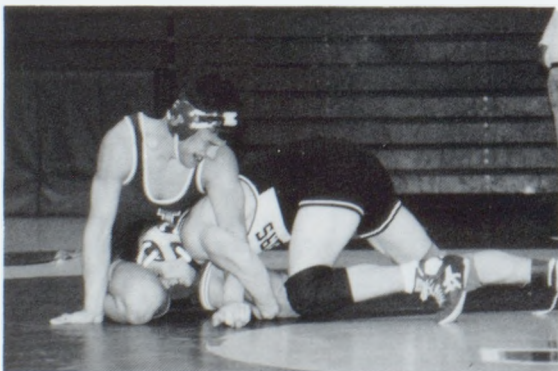
Nevada 35-29

North Polk 55-8

Districts Sixth Place

State Sixteenth Place

Season Record 18-7



Freshman Jason Ceretti struggles with his Adel-DeSoto/Minburn opponent. He escaped from a take down but was pinned later in the match. Ceretti went on to finish sixth at the District meet. photo by Sarah Hamilton



WEIGHING

The wrestlers went to all extremes in order to lose their extra pounds. Although the chosen methods weren't desirable to most, they showed an unselfish attitude and remained dedicated to their sport. Spread by Emily Gelormino and Sarah Hamilton

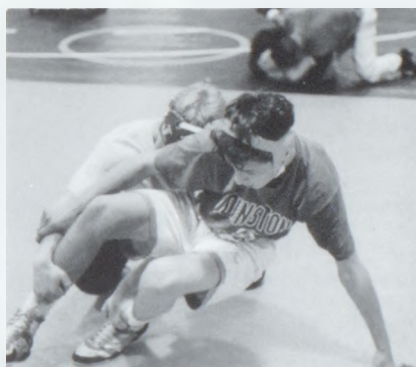
Circling their surroundings in 95 degree heat, the savage beasts sweat their way through the preparation of another trial of strength. The pack is restless. Their week has been trying, consisting of humid conditions and meager amounts of food and water. As they begin the attack upon their prey they look down and realize their singlets are on backward. Aaron Toney's backward singlet at the Norwalk meet was far from being the worst event of the season.

The team had a difficult time trying to cut weight. Coaches knew safe weight loss was important and arranged for nutritionists to come in the week before practice to talk to the team about how to eat right and how to lose weight safely. Each team member was tested and given his individual body fat count.

Even so, coaches didn't have control over what the wrestlers did away from practice. Without support of the coaches, some wrestlers went to extreme measures to shed those few extra pounds. Unfortunately, most of the pounds they lost were water weight, and resulted in a dehydrated wrestler. Sophomore Ben Barnes said, "When you are cutting weight you get desperate and will do just about anything to lose those last few pounds."

Despite some of the measures taken to lose the pounds, the wrestlers managed to remain strong and to send four wrestlers to state after earning sixth place at the district competition. Junior Toney and sophomores Matt Madison, Nick Mitchell and Barnes secured sixteenth place at state. Mitchell returned home having won third place at 103 pounds, while teammate Barnes took fifth at 112 pounds.

Story by Emily Gelormino and Sarah Hamilton



Freshman Nick Baker and sophomore Todd Pembroke sweat their way through their after-school wrestling practice. After their ten-minute run the team started working on its moves. The duck-under, cradle and ankle-pick were moves whose techniques were studied and perfected. photo by Emily Gelormino

Getting weighed in before the new rules were installed, senior John Carr rests his arms on his lap and waits to hear his final reading on the scale. Although the method of sitting down on the scale provided a more accurate reading than standing, there proved to be other problems that were uncovered with this method. Eventually, wrestlers were required to place their hands on their head while being weighed in so they were unable to alter the reading. photo by Sarah Hamilton



Fighting his Boone opponent for the pin, junior Tim Eblen prevails and quickly flattens his Boone Torreador to the mat. Despite his ineligibility for the state competition, Eblen showed his ability as a strong team member and hoped to be eligible for the following year's competition. photo by Emily Gelormino

"I always go by my Grandfather's motto when playing golf: If you don't like the shot, don't count it."

-Ryan Maasen, sophomore



BOYS' GOLF. Jeremy Hietbrink, Jon Vocelka, Ryan Crowder, Scott Good, Josh Van Heukelom, Jason Benbow.



GIRLS' GOLF. Andrea Sacco, Lynzee Mallett, Katy Bass, Tammy Babcock, Lissa Smith, Michelle Shattuck, Alicia Frasier, Ellen Bryant, Jamie Mai. **ROW 2.** Kellie Barney, Jodi Hill, Megan Kalamaja, Sara Hill, Lisa Gentile, Jill Cameron, Kasi Bilbrey, Morgan Cavanaugh, Sarah Bidney, Heather Patterson.

Boys' Golf

Carlisle 163-196
Ballard 172-169
Waukee 171-188
Winterset 164-171
Winterset J.V. 171-180
Faculty 162-170
Waukee 123-134
Carlisle 172-192
Conference 2nd
Saydel Inv. 2nd
Nevada Inv. 3rd
Sectionals 3rd
Season Record 8-1

Girls' Golf

Carlisle 172-174
Urbandale Inv. 11th
Ballard 164-153
Nevada 153-159
Boone 216-204
Winterset 254-297
Conference 3rd
Ames Classic 3rd
Saydel Inv. 6th
Collfax-Mingo 227-232
Saydel 227-245
Carlisle 149-183
Johnston Inv. 2nd
Nevada 201-228
Norwalk 201-223
Sectionals 3rd
Season Record 8-2



PCHIPPING, DRIVING, PARRINGUTTING

With the amount of experience being a major factor for all, the boys' and girls' golf teams displayed their talent as coaches concentrated on working with individuals. Spread by Sarah Hamilton and Steve Ring

When the word golf was mentioned to students at Johnston, some thought about old men with their socks pulled up to their knees. Others thought about Mr. Gross taking personal days and still others thought about boredom and laziness. A group of 19 girls and over 40 boys thought differently.

"I think the amount of competition might have been greater than those of other sports because it is you out there against everyone," said freshman Ellen Bryant. "You don't have a team there to help you out if you make an error. That really puts pressure on you to play well."

With only two golfers absent from last season's roster, the girls' golf team took advantage of their experience. The team started the season off well winning two of their first four duel meets. They finished off the season strong winning their last six.

Coach Steve Smith tried to help his golfers on a one-to-one basis. He split the practices into two 45-minute sessions and divided the girls into two groups. Smith worked with one group at a time which allowed for more individual attention.

Coach Frank Sanders also tried to focus his coaching toward the individuals on the boys' golf team. "It was hard to work on a one-to-one basis with over 40 kids out for the team," said Sanders.

The boys' team wasn't as fortunate as the girls. Four of their starting six graduated the previous year. "Our record was deceiving due to the lack of tough competition," said senior Jason Benbow.

The boys' golf team had gone to the 3A State Golf Tournament the past two years but fell short in their quest to make it three. "We had a good year, but we didn't have our goals set in getting to state," said Sanders. Story by Sarah Hamilton and Steve Ring



Taking a glance at the tee, junior Michelle Shattuck lines up her shot in the rough while playing the par three. Shattuck played in 13 of the 16 meets during the season. photo by Steve Ring

Senior Jason Benbow practices his putting at Augusta National Golf Course. Benbow medalled in five of the regular season meets. photo by Steve Ring



Fishing for her ball in the murky waters, senior Tammy Babcock retrieves her second shot on hole nine at Jester Park Golf Course. Babcock shot a team low 58 at the Urbandale Invitational where the team placed 11th overall. photo by Steve Ring

"Tennis gives me something to do after school. It keeps me in shape and it is fun. The worst thing about tennis is playing in meets when it is hot. It wears you out, takes away your energy and makes you sweaty. You also lose your precision but you can get a great tan."

-Brenda Mitchell, sophomore



GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS. Laura Block, Lisa Shanley. ROW 2. Tara Thieleke, Annie Mullenix, Nicole Buban, Libby Herrmann, Bradie Knapp, Shanna Galloway.



BOYS' VARSITY TENNIS. Skeeter Thompson, Mike Read, Matt Lundberg, Andy Roeth, Brian Greiner, Ryan Roeth. ROW 2. Scott Ebke, Mark Oiler, Ken Jones, Erich Baker, Ryan Guttridge, Casey Smith.

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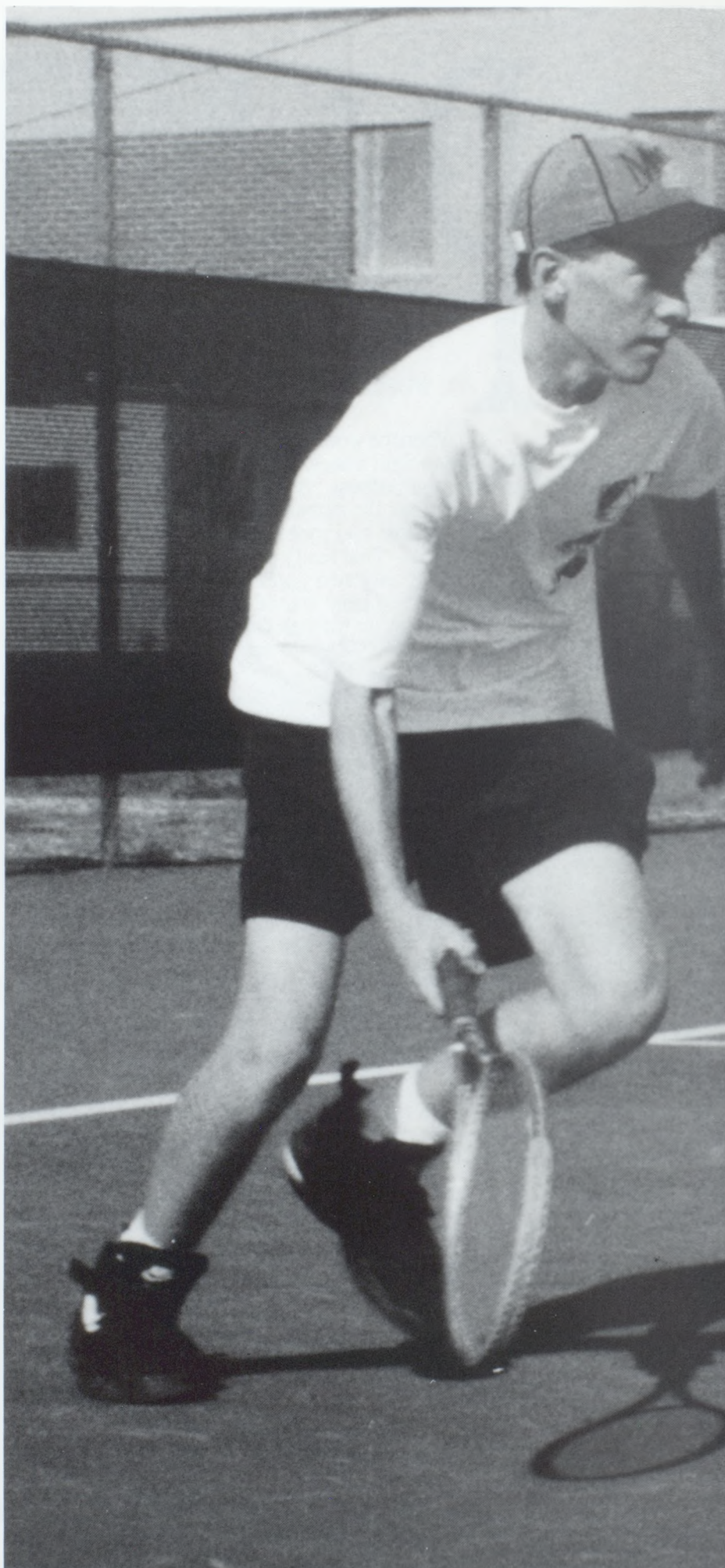
tennis

Girls' Varsity Tennis

Clarke 9-0
East 9-2
Boone 8-1
Knoxville Tournament 1st
North 10-1
Norwalk 7-2
Grinnell 4-5
Conference 2nd
Pella Christian 2-7
Boone 9-0
Indianola 8-3
North Polk 9-2
Saydel 6-3
North Polk 9-0
Norwalk 6-0
Season Record 12-2

Boys' Varsity Tennis

Lincoln 3-8
Clarke 4-5
Boone 0-9
Saydel 6-3
Ankeny 2-9
Hoover 4-7
Indianola 4-7
North Polk 9-2
Season Record 2-6



CONDITIONING, HITTING, DRILLING

PRACTICING

Both the girls' and boys' tennis teams used practice and teamwork as a way to improve playing, acquire experience and send two varsity girls to the state competition. Spread by Danielle Carroll and Tara Guttridge

As with any sport, the major part of tennis was practice. The varsity teams practiced six days a week including two early morning conditioning practices. An average tennis player practiced 7,260 minutes during the season. "To me, the practices were pretty boring because we did a lot of drills," said freshman Mark Oiler. "Saturday morning practices were the best because we ate doughnuts."

Practices, boring or not, were necessary for the teams' success, but experience was just as beneficial. Boys' Coach Leslie Shipp said, "The boys lacked experience and did not know how to win. The only way to learn to win is by actual playing time. You can't simulate this in practice because the matches don't count. By the end of the season we still didn't have enough experience to figure out how to win a close match."

Because of the schools' growing size and the eight new tennis courts built west of the high school, the boys separated from Urbandale. Therefore, the team was inexperienced and small with 13 members. Team members improved in skill and with the use of teamwork drills.

Junior Courtney Lester said the same of the girls, "The best thing about tennis was our teamwork. We worked together for a goal. Although we all played individually, we were working as a team."

Teamwork was useful during districts when sophomores Annie Mullenix and Lisa Shanley played each other in the finals. "Lisa and I had been doubles partners and had learned to work together earlier in the season," said Mullenix. "We knew each others weaknesses and knew how to play each other. We were so tired because we had played all day that we really did not care who won. We had both made it to state."

Determination along with practices and teamwork provided both teams with a goal for winning and improving. No matter with little experience or a winning edge, they each ended the season with great resolution. Story by Danielle Carroll and Tara Guttridge

Using an approach shot, senior Mike Read moves up to the net. Read played varsity throughout the season at the fifth and sixth position on the singles ladder and number three doubles. Read placed third at the conference meet with doubles partner Erich Baker. photo by Tara Guttridge



Senior Erich Baker follows through after an overhead smash during a home meet against Lincoln. Baker played doubles with senior Scott Ebke during this meet in which they won both sets by tie-breakers. Baker started the season playing number six singles and finished at number four singles with a record of 3 wins and 4 losses. photo by Danielle Carroll



Senior Bradie Knapp hits a baseline forehand. Knapp played number three doubles with Laura Block. During districts, they lost to North Polk after three close sets. North Polk eventually went on to state. photo by Tara Guttridge

"I think my mom was more excited than I was. I was so nervous and shocked that it didn't hit me until later. When I finally realized I had broken the school record I couldn't breathe. My heart was pounding."

-Amanda Brannan, senior



BOYS' TRACK. J. Fausch, M. Howieson, M. Sinnwell, D. Rittgers, S. Rodriguez, T. Pembroke, C. Stafford, B. Barnes. **ROW 2.** B. Hartschen, M. Cochran, M. Webster, J. Wynn, J. Christianson, J. French, D. Trobaugh, G. Tibboel. **ROW 3.** M. Fisher, J. Doyle, K. Goering, D. Landeen, R. Ruisch, C. Young, B. Smith, B. Sullivan. **ROW 4.** A. Soper, G. Tibboel, J. Clark, J. Ross, T. Cain, A. Corcoran, J. Rinehart, R. Krejci.



GIRLS' TRACK. P. Nichols, K. Norris, B. Chambers, T. White, A. Brannan, E. Jarnagin, S. McClure. **ROW 2.** K. Kiester, K. Jackson, A. Hefner, M. Little, S. Myer, N. Timmins. **ROW 3.** manager R. Bess, A. Baumgarn, J. Georgen, S. Grant, K. Tank, coach C. Oldham, K. Warren, J. Jones, K. Jacobsen, coach R. Rynning.

Boys' Track

Dragon Relays 6th
Carlisle 3rd
Norwest Banks Classic 5th
Jim Zabel Classic 6th
Roosevelt Invitational 3rd
Little Hawkeye Conference 1st
State 3-A 14th

State Qualifiers

100 meter dash
Brad Hartschen, David Rittgers
*4x100 meter relay-3rd place
Hartschen, Rittgers, Jon Ross, Jay Christianson
*4x200 meter relay-4th place
Hartschen, Ross, Rittgers, Christianson
200 meter dash Ross
3200 meter run Matt Webster

*denotes school record

*Megan Little, discus
did not qualify for state

Girls' Track

Clarke Invitational 1st
Ballard Invitational 1st
Bondurant Invitational 1st
Johnston Invitational 1st
Waukee Invitational 1st
Nevada Invitational 1st
Little Hawkeye Conference 1st
District 3rd
State 3-A 30th

State Qualifiers

400 meter dash-7th place
Elaine Jarnagin
100 meter hurdles
Amanda Brannan-5th place
Penny Nichols
4x800 meter relay
Karl Tank, Jennifer Jones,
Sara Myer, Kyla Kiester
Shuttle Hurdle Relay-8th place
Brannan, Nichols, Jarnagin,
Alicia Rollison
*High Jump-5th place
Brannan
Long Jump Jarnagin



STRETCHING, LEAPING, SPRINTING

QUALIFYING

Team depth helped the boys' and girls' track teams capture the conference titles. Several entries from each team also qualified for the state meet.
Spread by Tara Guttridge and Jennifer Jones

Lucky seven was the magic number for the girls' track team. The girls' team qualified seven entries for the state meet. They also claimed the conference title, winning by just seven points. It was a double title for the Dragons as the boys also won the meet.

The seven point victory in the conference meet was a close one for the girls' team who easily won all seven of their regular season meets. Boone was ahead going into the final event, the 4 X 400 meter relay. Carlisle, the expected winner, disqualified by a false start. This allowed freshmen Kyla Kiester, Penny Nichols, Kristin Norris and junior Kari Tank to soar across the finish line in first, securing the conference crown.

The boys' team won the meet easily by a margin of 53 1/2 points. It was their only first place team finish during the season. "There are pros and cons to running against the metro schools during the season," said assistant Coach Gary Auxier. "We don't experience immediate success on a meet-to-meet basis, but at conference it showed that we were better."

After the conference meet the Lady Dragons focused on the district meet held at Lewis-Central High School in Council Bluffs. For girls, the times run at districts determined the state qualifiers. The girls' team finished third qualifying seven entries.

The boys did not compete in a district meet. Instead, qualifiers were chosen by times accumulated through the season. The 4 X 100 meter relay team consisting of juniors David Rittgers, Jay Christianson, Brad Hartschen and sophomore Jon Ross qualified for state and placed third after a fourth place finish at the snowy Drake Relays. The boys qualified five other events.

The two teams did not compete against schools of their own size at all of the meets. However, both teams excelled when it counted the most, adding two more blocks to the chain of conference titles and placing well at state. Story by Tara Guttridge and Jennifer Jones

Leaping a hurdle at the state track meet, freshman Penny Nichols competes in the 100 meter hurdles. Nichols was the only freshman to qualify for state in the event. Senior Amanda Brannan also qualified and placed fifth. The two were also part of the qualifying shuttle hurdle team. However, the team was disqualified in the finals. photo by Jennifer Jones



Sophomore Steve Rodriguez stretches before the 1600 meter run at the Dragon Relays. Calisthenics were used to loosen up the body, prevent pulled muscles, increase stride and motivate runners. Rodriguez had made the state qualifier list with his best time of 4:42.7. However, after a correction of times, Rodriguez was taken off the list. photo by Tara Guttridge

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Freshman Matt Sinnwell pushes his pace as an Indianola runner challenges him from behind. Sinnwell placed third in the JV 3200 meter run at the Dragon Relays with a time of 12:10.47. The JV team finished fourth with 77 points, one point away from third. photo by Tara Guttridge



"And here's to
the maid in the
royal blue
gown who
flirted with me
at the center of
the town. I told
her to draw
near and then
to drop by.
Just imagine
my surprise
when I found
she's a guy!"
sings junior
jester Brenton
Brown on his
verse of the
Wassall Song
during Concert
Choir's Annual
Olde English
Madrigal
Dinner.

photo by Heidi
Zeiger

fine arts. you utilized culinary abili-
ties in making pizza pizza • you earned a division
one rating • you tantalized spectators with a
dazzling show • you put your flags in the air and
marched them up and down • you carried a dead
man on skates • you sweated beneath the
spotlight • you had a spacy brain • you prayed
to remember the first line • you laughed at the
jester's corny jokes • you blew all remaining
wind from body to brass • you were done before
the fat lady

marching magic

spread by emily gelormino

A cloud of polyester engulfed the field. Hours of early morning rehearsals were forgotten as over three hundred band members prepared to perform the halftime show. With the grace of a floating magic carpet, band directors Rick Albrecht, Jessica Paff, Dee Bradt and Peggy Albrecht quickly arranged the multitude of sixth through twelfth graders for the first-ever mass band performance at Johnston. The crowd watched in amazement at the show put on by these amateur musicians.

"It was basically just a department decision. My wife and the other directors and I just decided that it would be a lot of fun to start a new Johnston tradition and to tie the band programs all together," said high school director Rick Albrecht. This last performance contained the year's standard set which included the songs "Arabian Nights" and "Friend Like Me" from the hit Disney movie "Aladdin."

Starting off the year, many band members were wary about the quality of the band. "The band was pretty weak, but once everybody figured out that they just had to play loud, the band really started to improve," said field conductor and senior Andy Offenburger. They soon showed improvements and were asked to march in the Beaverdale Parade on September 18. They had the power and determina-

tion it took to proudly return home having earned a People's Choice Award.

Marching band's music was accented by the colorguard, led by senior Amy Martin. The members of colorguard attended practice every Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m. "By the first morning of practice, everyone realized that twirling flags wasn't as easy as it looked," said senior colorguard member Susie Stratemeyer. "The morning practices really helped us learn our routine." The colorguard supported the band with the twirling and tossing of pink, purple, white and silver flags.

"The colorguard was really strengthened by attending a camp in Pella over the summer," said sophomore member Jen Porto. Although only three of the twelve girls attended the camp, the three who attended felt it was a definite

asset to the rest of the season.

Heather Smith, another sophomore colorguard member, said, "The most memorable event this year was when we were performing and I smacked Megan Kalamaja right smack in the middle of her face with my flag. It was so funny." From capturing Beaverdale Parade's People's Choice Award to assembling the first mass band ever, director Albrecht said, "This year was better than I ever expected. It was the best." Story by Emily Gelormino



There aren't seventy-six of them, but the trombones still lead the parade. Junior Ben Hicks, freshman Tim Keck and senior Danielle Doak led the marching band through Green Meadows during the Homecoming parade. photo by Randy Ruisch



COLORGUARD. Julie Kotz, Joy Phillips, Amy Martin, Susie Stratemeyer. **ROW 2.** DeAnn Hart, Shalon Clark, Heather Smith, Jamie Howard, Amy Myer, Jennifer Jones, Jennifer Osborn, Jen Porto.



Senior colorguard member Julie Kotz prepares to march onto the football field for her last performance with the marching band. Kotz was one of the four graduating members of the colorguard. Kotz said, "I really thought the whole mass band idea was pretty neat. It was really amazing to see how many people are involved in band." Along with the Wednesday morning practices the colorguard also practiced with the band during their regularly scheduled rehearsals. One song that featured the colorguard was "Twist and Shout." For this song the members learned new moves with such names as Around the World, Bag of Worms and Drop Spins. Although they learned these new moves, they were unfortunate in that they did not receive their new uniforms in time for their last performance. photo by Emily Gelormino



FLUTE, ALTO SAXOPHONE, BARITONE SAXOPHONE. Christine Notis, Penny Nichols, Alicia Frasier, Renee Ebke, Alexi Jameson, Jennifer Stockman, Jessica Dawson, Missy Roberts. **ROW 2.** Alyssa Friedow, Liz Ancell, Noelle Wagner, Heather Tuttle, Brenda Mitchell, Stefanie Harper, Jill Hansen, Tammy Proehl, Matt Warren. **ROW 3.** Pete Floren, Sheri Winrich, Jill Norviel, Katie Jacobsen, Chris Timmerman, Jennifer Burkland, Bobby Johnson, Sara Myer, Derek Trobaugh.



BRASS AND PERCUSSION. Jason Schissel, Emilie Houle, Danielle Doak, Mark Stookey, Megan Bengard, Brandon Beck, Beth Ann Nelson, Jade Baltazar. **ROW 2.** Andy Offenburger, Mark Hansen, S.W. Winrich, Beau Brindley, Ian Wardlow, Shane Kinsey, Leann Oxley, Paige Stover. **ROW 3.** Brian Stole, Bryan Stennes, Greg Waldrop, Jason Sturtz, Bryan Burkhardt, Ben Hicks, Tim Keck, Matt Keltner.



CLARINET, TENOR SAXOPHONE. Olivia Mulvihill, Reeanna Larson, Christy Jones, Courtney Johnson, Shannon McClure, Crissy Hammen. **ROW 2.** Jennifer Georgen, Stacia Purviance, Aaron Echtenkamp, Mandy Jamison, Cheryl Larson, Chrissie Huisman. **ROW 3.** Valerie Hall, Morgan Cavanaugh, Chris Sundell, J.P. Clark, Doug Kruse, Kelly Newsom.

Freshman trumpeteer Shane Kinsey tackles the task of buttoning, zipping and sweating his way into his marching band uniform. Most members of the 183-person band depended upon a friend to help them get in and out of their somewhat restrictive uniforms. Sophomore Noelle Wagner said, "There's usually just enough room to move your legs to march and to move your arms to raise your instruments and play." photo by Emily Gelormino



fine-tuning

spread by heidi johns and emily gelomino

They had practiced the two songs for months and performed them at the spring concert for their parents. Now the concert band sat before three judges and performed "Of a Distant Star" and "Band of Gold" one last time for a rating at the state large group contest.

When the concert band got their results back they weren't pleased. They had received a Division II rating, missing a Division I rating by only one point.

Although band director Richard Albrecht was disappointed with the rating they had received, he was proud of the band's improvement. Albrecht said, "I had a mess on my hands at the beginning of the year. Having 21 flutes and only four trombones means disaster, but I was able to shape it into something that sounded like a concert band."

The jazz band had a better time at state, receiving a I rating. Besides state, the jazz band also competed at three jazz festivals. They placed fifth at the SCIBA Jazz Festival in Indianola, third at the Jack Oates Jazz Festival in Earlham and sixth at the Hoover Jazz Festival. Junior Matt Warren said, "The Hoover Jazz Festival was a lot of fun because the competition was really good, so I got to listen to a lot of good bands."

At the various festivals many of the jazz members won

individual awards. Seniors Andy Offenburger, Leann Oxley, and Shannon McClure, junior S.W. Winrich, and sophomores Mark Stookey and Heather Tuttle were awarded outstanding performer awards at one of the three festivals.

The jazz band didn't just play for competition. The high school and the sixth through eighth grade jazz bands gathered together at the middle school and performed for one another. This was a favorite

performance of the jazz band, and Albrecht had audio copies made of their performances for them to keep. Freshman Jason Schissel said, "The best thing that happened this year was playing at the middle school. It was just a fun thing to do because there was no pressure."

Besides giving them more opportunities to perform, jazz band

gave students a taste of different types of music and instruments. Sophomore Heather Tuttle and senior Julie Kotz switched from the flute in concert band to the piano in jazz band, and Schissel played the bass guitar instead of his tuba.

Even though the concert band and jazz band didn't always receive the ratings they hoped for, they were successful in giving the students many opportunities to perform in various ways before many different groups of people. Story by Heidi Johns



During the jazz band portion of the winter concert, senior Jason Sturtz and fellow jazz band members perform "Witchcraft" by Sammy Nestico. In addition to the two high school concerts, the jazz band performed at various festivals. photo by Heidi Johns



JAZZ BAND. Director Rick Albrecht, Heather Tuttle, S.W. Winrich, Danielle Doak, Julie Kotz, Emilie Houle, Jessica Dawson. **ROW 2.** Bobby Johnson, Tim Keck, Ben Hicks, Jason Sturtz, Jason Schissel, Matt Warren. **ROW 3.** Matt Keltner, Andy Offenburger, Mark Stookey, Beau Brindley, Bryan Stennes, Shannon McClure.



Freshman Jennifer Georgen, freshman Aaron Echtenkamp and junior Megan Kalamaja play "Corale and Shaker Dance II" by John Zdechlik on their clarinets at the winter concert. Georgen, Echtenkamp and Kalamaja were part of the second clarinet section. The winter concert, which was held February 17, ended in typical Albrecht-style with the march "Thundercrest" by Eric Osterling. Band director Richard Albrecht said, "If you end the concert with an overture people will say it was great. If you end it with a ballad people will fall asleep. But if you end it with a march people will remember the march on their drive home and believe it was a good concert no matter how badly you played." photo by Heidi Johns



FLUTES AND CLARINETS. Megan Kalamaja, Amy Myer, Mandy Jamison, Jennifer Osborn, Jen Porto, Amanda Benson. **ROW 2.** Crissy Hammen, Tammy Proehl, Heather Tuttle, Katie Jacobsen, Stefanie Harper, Amy Martin, Jessica Dawson, Noelle Wagner, Jill Norviel. **ROW 3.** Jamie Howard, Morgan Cavanaugh, Alicia Frasier, De Ann Hart, Alexi Jameson, Renee Ebke, Jill Hansen, Chris Timmerman, Jennifer Stockman, Brenda Mitchell. **ROW 4.** Joy Phillips, Jennifer Georgen, Valarie Hall, Heather Smith, Reeanna Larson, Chris Sundell, Chrissie Huisman, Marisa Hansen, Courtney Johnson, Cheryl Larson, Aaron Echtenkamp.



BRASS AND PERCUSSION. Jade Baltazar, Beth Ann Nelson, Brandon Beck, Danielle Doak, S.W. Winrich, Emilie Houle. **ROW 2.** Beau Brindley, Mark Hansen, Megan Bengard, Bryan Burkhardt, Ben Hicks, Tim Keck, Shalon Clark, Jason Schissel. **ROW 3.** Shane Kinsey, Jacob Beardsley, Ian Wardlow, Andy Offenburger, Glen Wardlow, Mark Stookey, Bryan Stennes, Jason Sturtz, Brian Stole. **ROW 4.** Paige Stover, Susie Stratemeyer, Matt Keltner, Director Rick Albrecht.



SAXOPHONES. Alyssa Friedow, Shannon McClure, Missy Roberts, Doug Kruse. **ROW 2.** Christine Notis, Christy Jones, Matt Warren, Kelly Newsom, Penny Nichols, J.P. Clark, Derek Trobaugh, Bobby Johnson, Tim Rains, Sara Myer, Pete Floren.

Blowing into the mouth-piece of his alto saxophone junior Matt Warren performs "Folk Song Suite" by R. Vaughn Williams during the winter concert. Warren was first chair alto saxophone and played sax in jazz band with senior Leann Oxley. photo by Heidi Johns



fund-raising songsters

spread by danielle carroll and tara guttridge

People piled into the auditorium. They were awaiting the voices of their families, friends and acquaintances. Backstage, singers stood still waiting for the pull back of the curtains and the first note of "Song of Triumph." The first chorus concert had begun.

Concerts followed a different format than previous years. Because of the amount of participants, the freshman chorus separated from the mixed chorus. The freshmen lacked the knowledge and more mature tone quality but improved significantly throughout the year.

"High school chorus is better than middle school chorus because Mrs. White treats you like an adult and expects you to act like one," said freshman Sarah Bidney. "She also chose more professional songs that I like. My other teachers chose little baby songs about circuses."

The songs the mixed chorus presented were of their usual difficulty. Some of the songs were solemn while others were joyous.

"I enjoyed the variety of music we sang," said sophomore Chrissie Huisman. "It allowed us to show the many sides of our mu-

sical talent and the different tones of our voices."

The voices of the choruses also sounded at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest in Perry, Iowa. Thirty-eight groups and soloists competed and 20 brought back the highest rating, a Division I.

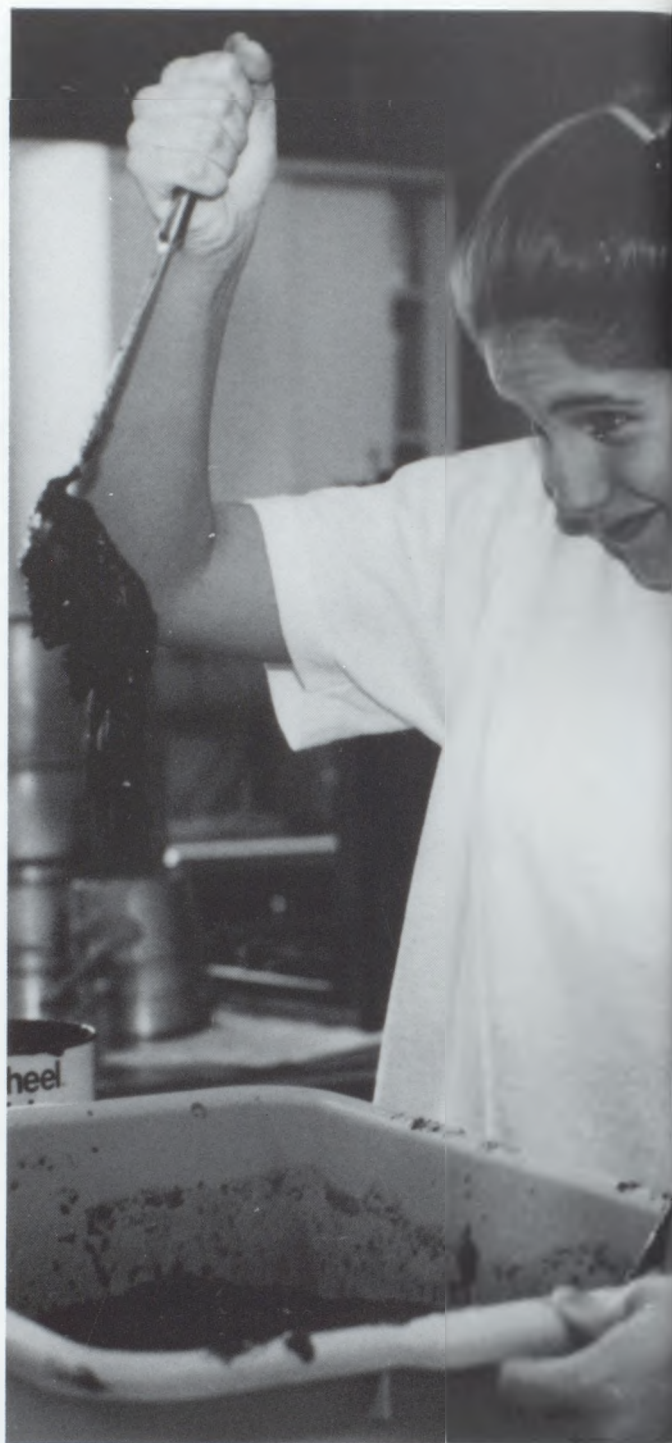
Time was not only spent singing in their various concerts and competitions but fund-raising as well. Fund-raising varied from a bowl-a-thon to making pizzas to rummage sales. With the aid of the Vocal Parents Association, money was used to purchase a fourth riser.

"It was hard to get all the fund-raisers done but they usually turned out well," said junior Aaron Hornback. "I appreciated how the parents helped us. The chorus will improve because of them."

With their self-improvement, both choruses finished the year by paying tribute to the graduating seniors at Class Day and commencement. After finishing the last note of "You Will Never Walk Alone," the choruses filed off the gym bleachers for the last time of the year. **Story by Danielle Carroll and Tara Guttridge**



Freshmen Kristen Norris and Jennifer Georgen sing "Jubilate Deo" at the spring concert on April 19. The number of freshmen participating was the largest ever with around 60 students. photo by Heidi Johns



"Chorus is neat. It puts rhythm in my feet. When I hear the funky beat, I feel like dancing in the street. I love to swing and sway all the lived long day. In the morning or in the night singing is always a big delight. We've got a good director. Her name is Mrs. White. Though rehearsals sometimes got long because she would stop and correct a diphthong, it is something I'll never forget."

-Jon Yanders, senior





Perusing and stirring the sauce, seniors Leann Oxley and Amy Martin contribute to the making of pizzas. Pizzas were sold by the participating fund-raisers who then congregated to make them. Along with pizzas, pies, apple dumplings, burritos and egg rolls were sold. One of the many beneficiaries of the fund-raiser was the chorus trip to Orlando, Florida. The sojourners departed on April 28 and returned from the four day trip May 1. Aside from singing, the chorus took time to enjoy the area's attractions which included Disney World, Wet and Wild water park and Epcot Center. photo by Heidi Zeiger



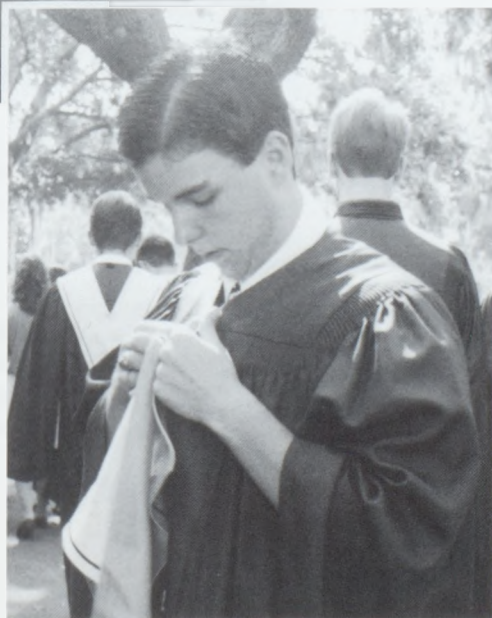
FRESHMAN CHORUS. J. Logan, A. Frasier, E. Brown, P. Nichols, K. Norris, J. Georgen, D. Sundblad, B. Wattier, J. Hunter, W. Collins, S. Tapken. **ROW 2.** L. Pendergraft, A. Jameson, M. Jamison, M. Herrmann, J. Beardsley, T. Bass, M. Johnson, C. Abler, K. Hoss, J. Mai. **ROW 3.** J. Abbott, K. Wong, A. Benson, J. Berens, B. Oviatt, M. Kunert, M. Hansen, S. Flannery, B. Miller, M. Roberts, K. Angstrom. **ROW 4.** R. Larson, V. Hall, J. Davis, J. Cameron, C. Schwab, J. Ehm, L. Peterson, E. Betz, M. Cavanaugh, J. Yanders, K. Barney, K. Kiestler. **ROW 5.** H. Patterson, K. Jackson, E. Bryant, W. Mercer, A. Hefner, K. Jones, M. Oiler, J. Reis, A. Dehamer, A. Friedow, S. Winrich, S. Bidney, S. Hill.



CHORUS ALTOS/SOPRANOS. D. Williams, M. Petersen, M. Baumgarn, B. Mitchell, E. Gelormino, L. Morris, A. Martin, E. Skow, K. Warren, D. Englehart, K. McConnell, L. Block, J. Cottrell. **ROW 2.** M. Beckham, K. Ruisch, H. Battin, L. Oxley, C. Lester, H. Smith, J. Morrison, S. Fisher, R. Sanders, K. Mills, S. Hamilton, M. Wiig, J. Osborn, M. Bengard. **ROW 3.** J. Gilchrist, C. Smith, E. Medina, S. Hawkins, B. Marvin, J. Phillips, R. Ebke, J. Hill, A. Fisher, S. Schreurs, V. Andrews, S. Rains, M. Wiig, J. Stark, T. Guttridge. **ROW 4.** R. Graaf, J. Westcott, A. Beck, N. Wagner, J. Porto, B. Ashby, K. Tank, M. Franck, C. Buchmeier, K. Wilges, S. Purviance, R. Thoreson, M. Brasch, A. Bidney, K. Angstrom, A. Mullenix. **ROW 5.** D. Doak, L. Henning, B. Koch, C. Huisman, J. Woodward, M. Kalamaja, J. Gray, A. Brehmer, G. Powell, S. Schoper, L. Herrmann, M. Holub, R. Bess, C. Sable, J. Jones.



CHORUS TENORS/BASSES. C. Sundell, R. West, D. Bright, P. McGowan, B. Sturtz, A. Gilmore. **ROW 2.** M. Hornback, A. Hornback, J. Davis, B. Brown, B. Burkhardt, S. Hildreth, M. Nyberg, B. Beck. **ROW 3.** S. Winrich, C. Piper, G. Olsen, J. Nieting, J. Sturtz, T. Caswell, S. Bates. **ROW 4.** B. Stole, M. Remer, J. Yanders, B. Hicks, T. Baker, L. Sires, A. Vis, D. Kruse, A. Offenburger, L. Fillingsness.



Holding his stole, Chris Sundell secures his robe clasp before competing at Rollins College in Florida. Music such as "E'en So Lord Jesus," "Song of Triumph" and "Deo Dicamus" was sung. After the performance the chorus was critiqued and judged. They placed fourth out of 125 competing schools from around the country. photo by Kim Ruisch

gnu changes

spread by tara guttridge and jennifer jones

"But he hasn't got any clothes on. The emperor is completely naked!" said the child, played by junior Rachel Graaf.

The emperor, senior Jason Sturtz, unaware of his mistake, kept parading throughout the crowd singing "I feel pretty."

The rogues, seniors Jon Yanders and Matt Nyberg, laughed along with the dinner guests at the 14th Annual Madrigal Dinner performance of "The Emperor's Gnu Close."

The night was hosted by the jester, junior Brenton Brown. Senior members of the choir were featured in the royal court along with a few juniors. The remaining members served the guests as peasants.

Although the madrigal dinner had long been a tradition, some changes made it unique. It was held at the Westchester Evangelical Free Church because Meredith Drive Reformed Church was being remodeled. Students had to adjust to different acoustics. One advantage was a stage for the royal court.

"The move over to Westchester made madrigal easier.

The church had a large kitchen and its accessibility made serving easier," said junior Libby Herrmann.

Another major change was the Vocal Parents Association's decision to provide the meal to increase the profits from the dinner. In past years the meal had been catered by Cristiani's.

Concert choir also tried something new at the winter concert. A professional brass band was hired to accompany the choir. The concert, held at the middle school, featured the choir's performance of "Gloria," by John Rutter.

"It was an enthralling, worthwhile experience," said junior Marisa Baumgard. "It was great to hear the depth of sound produced by the orchestra hired. I learned to discipline myself

with music because it was much harder than other pieces."

Although the concert choir experimented with new ideas throughout the year, they returned to the IHSMA State Large Group Contest and maintained their Division I rating. **Story by Jennifer Jones and Tara Guttridge**



Checking the status of his majesty's clothes, junior John Davis consults with the rogue, senior Jon Yanders, during the madrigal play "The Emperor's Gnu Clothes." photo by Heidi Zeiger



"During a rehearsal for madrigal we were practicing the song 'Masters in this Hall.' The guys start this song by singing a whole bunch of 'noels.' To bring a little excitement to concert choir, instead of singing 'noel' the guys sang 'Jodell' which is Mrs. White's first name. Heather Smith thought they were saying my name and she started to sing 'Joann' really loudly. Pretty soon the whole chorus was looking at her and laughing hysterically."

-Joann Stark, sophomore





Junior Jennifer Osborn holds her "Glory Be To God" music high during the spring concert. "Glory Be To God" was also sung at the IHSMA State Large Group Contest. The other selections included "E'en So Lord Jesus" and "Deo Dicamus." photo by Heidi Johns



"You can't say gay! You have to say happy Paree (Paris)!" says senior Joy Phillips. Phillips played the part of Ms. Politically Correct, the town busybody, during the 14th Annual Madrigal Dinner play "The Emperor's Gnu Close." Phillips' character constantly interrupted the play to offer her point of view and to make sure no special interest groups were offended. The play provided a comedy relief after the medieval feast with foods such as the boar's head. The dinner was served by singing members of concert choir. The madrigal dinner was moved to Westchester Evangelical Free Church because Meredith Drive Reformed Church was being remodeled. Even so, the concert choir performed to a full house on December 1 and 2. photo by Heidi Zeiger



CONCERT CHOIR SOPRANOS. Heather Smith, Jenn Morrison, Marisa Baumgarn, Leann Oxley. **ROW 2.** Emily Gelormino, Jessica Berens, Jaime Woodward, Kari Tank, Suzy Hawkins, Kim Ruisch. **ROW 3.** Joy Phillips, Danielle Doak, Jennifer Gray, Angie Hefner, Beth Koch, Becky Floren, Megan Franck.



CONCERT CHOIR ALTOS. Julie Cottrell, Michelle Wiig, Leanna Morris, Mary Ann Johnson, Missy Roberts, Brooke Miller. **ROW 2.** Jennifer Jones, Amy Martin, Libby Herrmann, Regina Bess, Jennifer Osborn, Amy Lingenfelder. **ROW 3.** Joann Stark, Emily Skow, Bethany Ashby, Annie Mullenix, Megan Bengard, Sarah Schreurs, Sarah Rains. **ROW 4.** Sarah Schoper, Kristin Warren, Sheri Winrich, Elaine Jarnagin, Stacia Purviance.



CONCERT CHOIR TENORS/ BASSES. Matt Nyberg, S.W. Winrich, Shannon Hildreth, Brandon Beck, Mark Hansen. **ROW 2.** Chad Piper, Brenton Brown, Mark Hornback, Aaron Hornback, Andy Offenburger. **ROW 3.** Ryan Crowder, Sean Flannery, John Davis, Jeff Nieting, Bryan Burkhardt, Doug Kruse, Zac Christensen. **ROW 4.** D.J. Danner, Ken Jones, Mike Remer, Greg Olsen, Jason Sturtz, Tom Caswell, Aaron Vis, Ben Hicks.

earned success

spread by sarah hamilton and kim ruisch

"Where's my jacket?" Junior Megan Franck harshly whispered her panicked words. "I know I put it on my hanger before the show and now it isn't here!" Other Innovation women checked to see if they had the right jacket before stuffing sweaty arms into white sleeves, grabbing a hat and heading back on stage. Backstage helpers from Sound Advice scrambled around and finally retrieved the missing jacket. Franck hurriedly dressed and returned to the stage, lights, heat and applause.

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Innovation/sound advice

Innovation and Sound Advice encountered such situations often during contest season. The two show choirs added props, costume changes and other complexities to improve their shows and overall effectiveness. As a result members and director alike endured many frustrating hours of rehearsal.

"All the additives took extra rehearsal time, extra patience and extra help from parents," said director Jodell White. "Because it took longer to get it all ready, I felt our show wasn't as polished as soon."

The groups' contest seasons began in January at the State Show Choir Competition where

both choirs received a Division I rating. At a first-time appearance at the Northwest Missouri State Show Choir Competition, Innovation made the finals and placed second overall. Their goal of making finals was attained at their other two competitions, Urbandale and Jefferson, where the group was selected as second runner-up at each.

"Finals were nerve-racking," said junior Michelle Wiig.

"Up on stage you look out into the audience and all eyes are watching you. It's like a rush."

Sound Advice's showing at contests concluded successfully despite the difficulties getting there. Jim Weaver, the group's director, resigned shortly after the year had begun. With different substitutes and eventu-

ally direction from White, the group adjusted well to the uncertainties surrounding them. The result gained them second and third place finishes in the prep choir divisions at Urbandale and Jefferson respectively.

Amid sequins, props, sweat and exhaustion, the show choirs worked to win, danced under pressure and smiled till it hurt. **Story by Kim Ruisch**



Senior Brandon Beck and juniors Shannon Hildreth and Brenton Brown model clothes from the sixties during a style show at the Johnston Lions Club. photo by Danielle Carroll



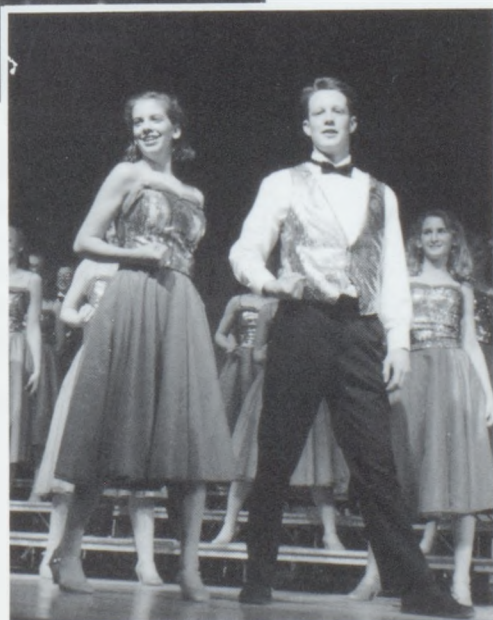
"We work hard in show choir to pay attention to little details. There are some things like facial expression that the audience doesn't even think about that really are a key factor in the judges' eyes. With facial expression you have to show excitement and enthusiasm. Your face has to be so dramatic that it tells a story."

-Mary Ann Johnson, freshman





Sophomore Jen Porto and freshman Sean Flannery take their final pose at the end of *Who Put The Bomp*. Sound Advice performed this number at Jefferson Show Choir Invitational where they placed third in the prep choir division. photo by Danielle Carroll



Front and center stage, senior Danielle Doak, junior Libby Herrmann and senior Joy Phillips join those around them in raising their hands and voices to close the number *Sing*. The fast-paced rock number was professionally choreographed. The song served as a closer to the set that earned the choir a spot in the evening's finals. Innovation was one of six schools selected to perform in finals at the Urbandale Show Choir Jamboree held in February. The group finished well; the judges selected Johnston's varsity show choir as second runner-up in the open class competition. photo by Doug Martin



Innovation. Heather Smith, Kim Ruisch, Marisa Baumgarn, Julie Cottrell, Jaime Woodward, Joy Phillips, Amy Martin, Jennifer Osborn. **ROW 2.** Bryan Burkhardt, Jon Yanders, D.J. Danner, Jeff Nieting, Aaron Hornback, Tom Caswell, Ben Hicks, Greg Olsen. **ROW 3.** Jennifer Gray, Megan Bengard, Crissy Hammen, Michelle Wiig, Leann Oxley, Danielle Doak, Rachel Graaf, Suzy Hawkins, Megan Franck, Elaine Jarnagin, Beth Koch, Libby Herrmann, Becky Floren. **ROW 4.** Andy Offenburger, John Davis, Doug Kruse, Brenton Brown, Chad Piper, Mark Hornback, Brandon Beck, Shannon Hildreth. **ROW 5.** S.W. Winrich, Jason Sturtz, Aaron Vis, Zac Christensen, Matt Nyberg, Matt Keltner.



Sound Advice. Robin Sanders, Leanna Morris, Beth Marvin, Annie Mullenix, Penny Nichols, Alicia Frasier, Amanda DeReus. **ROW 2.** Rhiannon Thoreson, Jessica Berens, Christy Buchmeier, Monica Wiig, May-Lee Beckham, Bethany Ashby, Angie Hefner, Mary Ann Johnson. **ROW 3.** Andrea Beck, Emily Betz, Lisa Henning, Jamie Westcott, Renee Ebke, Tara Guttridge, Sheri Winrich, Gretchen Powell. **ROW 4.** Pat McGowan, Danielle Englehart, Emily Skow, Kristin Warren, Joann Stark, Chrissie Huisman, Brenda Mitchell, Jen Porto, Ryan West. **ROW 5.** Michael Herrmann, Sean Flannery, Ben Oviatt, Brad Sturtz, Aaron Gilmore, Chris Sundell, Danny Bright, Mark Hansen, Jacob Beardsley.

acting talents

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The lights are low and the young actor anxiously awaits for his cue to enter the stage. The thoughts of making a mistake run rapidly through his mind. Concentrating on his lines, he doesn't notice he is wearing the wrong shoes.

"I walked out on stage ready for my performance as a wise man in *Stone in the Road* when I realized I had my tennis shoes instead of my sandals on. After the performance our director Becky Floren was furious with me. She punched me really hard and I yelled. After that I always remembered my sandals."

Stone in the Road was one of several plays performed by drama. Other performances included *My Son Is Crazy But Promising*, *Nightmare*, and *Why Do We Laugh?*

Drama class spent long hours of rehearsal perfecting their performances. Their practice proved to pay off when the one act drama *Why Do We Laugh?* was taken to state competition. The play received a II rating at state and

a I at a competition in Ankeny.

"Receiving the ratings we did at State was the highlight of directing the play," said Senior Brandon Beck. "You know that all your hard work paid off and you finally understand that this is what you worked so hard for. It gives you a feeling of satisfaction to know someone has recognized your talents."

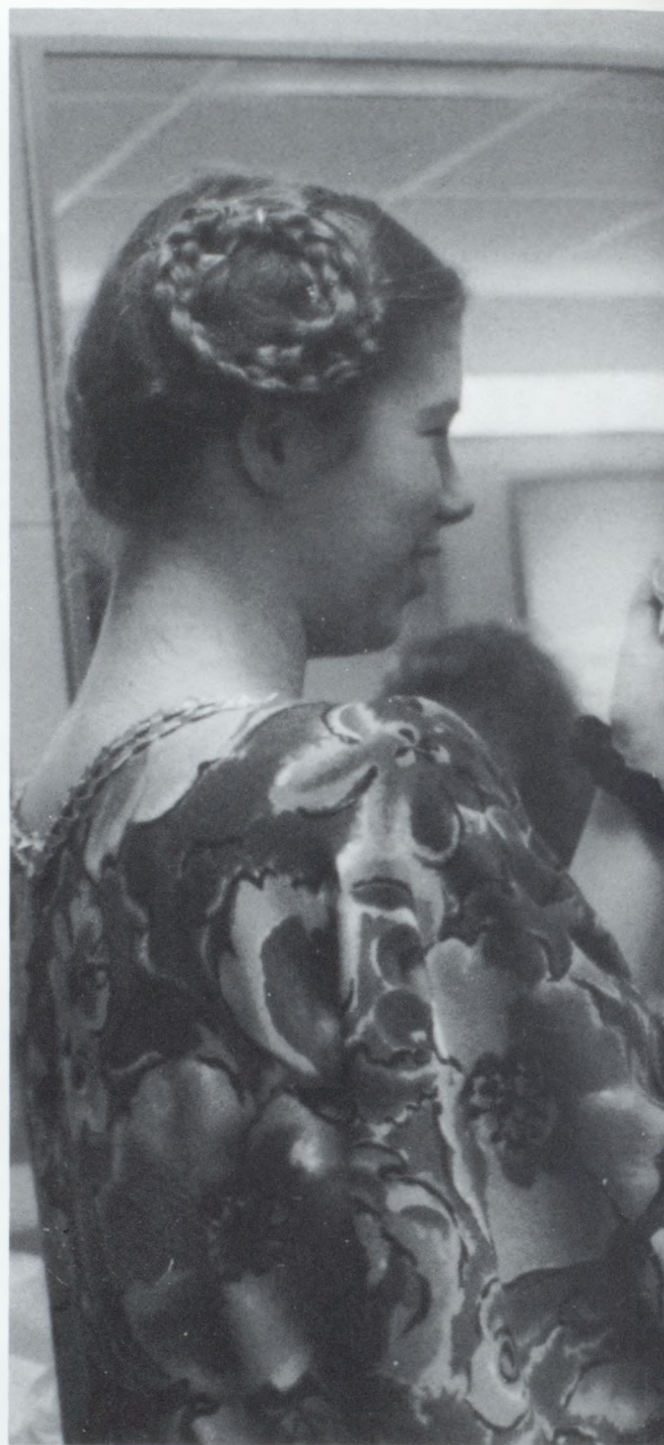
One technique used to help members of drama class prepare for state was impromptu acting.

"Impromptu acting was a great way to get yourself out there and used to having an audience. You are put on the spot and have to act. This really helped me to overcome a lot of my shyness," said sophomore **C h r i s t y B u c h m e i e r**.

Through practice and hard work drama perfected their performances and gave their audience a sample of real acting. **Story by Sarah Hamilton and Mark Stookey**



While Junior Jenny Hall talks to the president on her make-believe phone, fellow cast member Shannon Hildreth listens in disbelief. Hall and Hildreth played the part of small kids in the play *Nightmare*. photo by Mark Stookey



"I liked this year's plays and had a great time being around the cast. They helped lighten the atmosphere during rehearsals. I got started in acting because of a teacher in the middle school. She thought that I had the personality and talent it took to be a good actor. Ever since then I've been in productions through out middle school and high school."

- Jason Matkins, junior





Preparing for the fall play *My Son is Crazy-But Promising*, junior Becky Floren delicately applies color to the lips of junior Kelly Kohles. Drama spent long hours of work preparing for their performances. Makeup, costumes and props were part of the many behind the scene actions which put the finishing touches on Drama's final productions. "We went to the Theatrical Shop in Valley Junction to purchase the makeup used for our performances," said Floren. "We tried to get natural looking makeup for the boys and brighter colors for the girls. It was funny to watch the guys try to put on their makeup. Most of them didn't know how, so the girls ended up putting on the makeup for them." photo by Kris Tedesco



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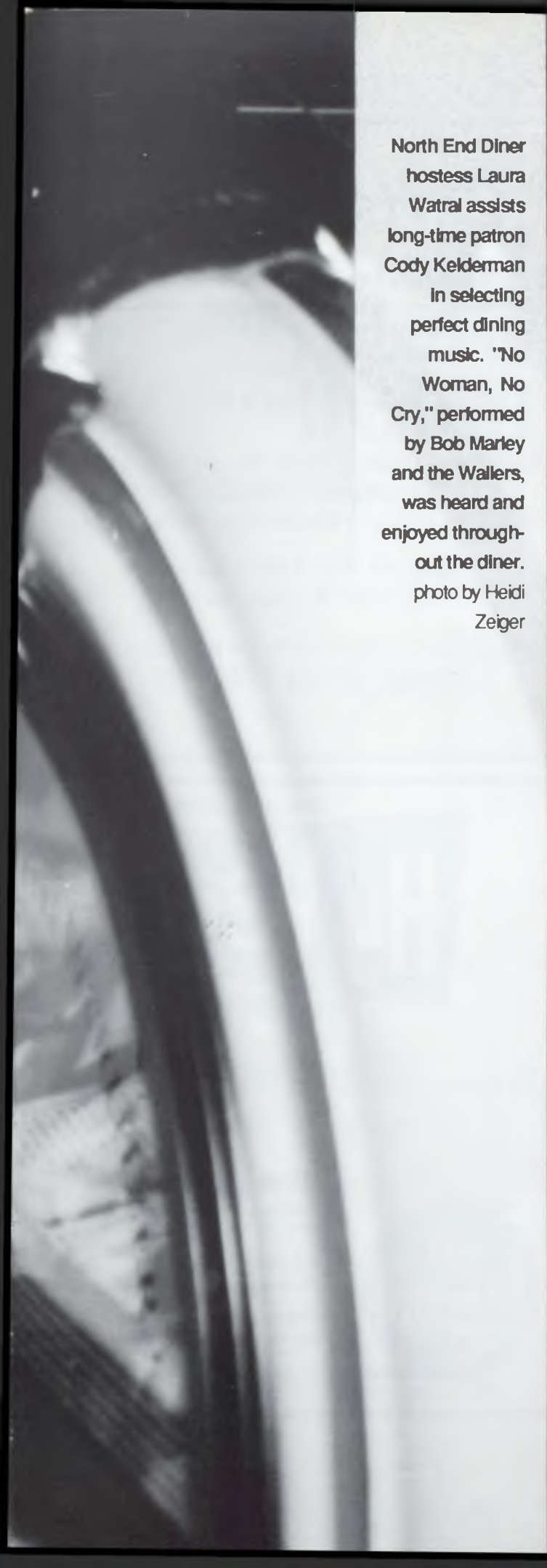
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Portraying a poet in *A Stone in the Road*, sophomore Leanna Morris points across the stage to the audience as her character attempted to recite a poem. The play was part of a production the drama class performed as their first semester final exam. photo by Sarah Hamilton





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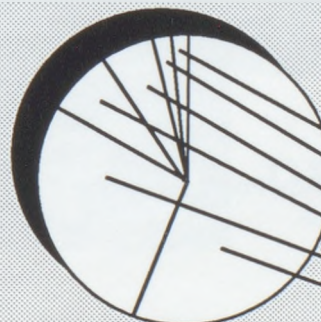


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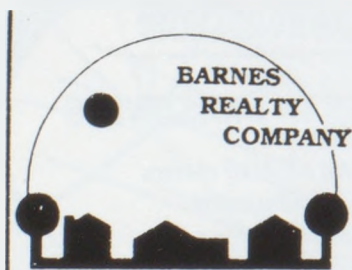
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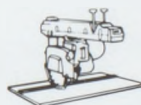


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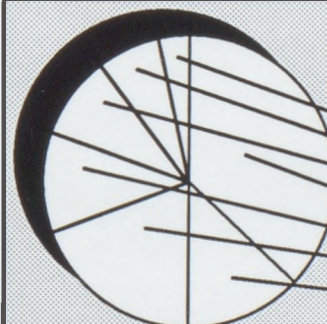
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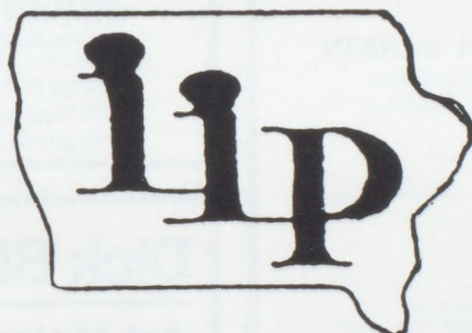


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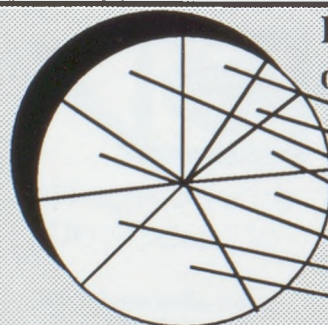
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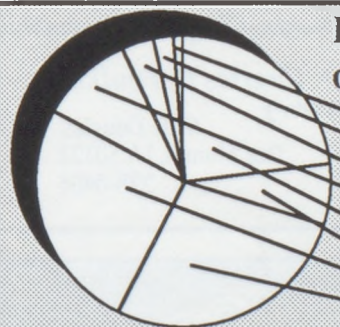
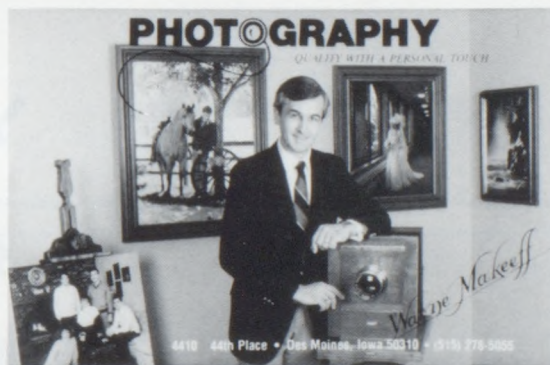
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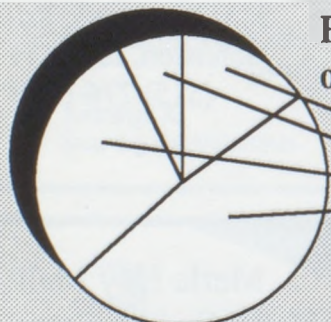
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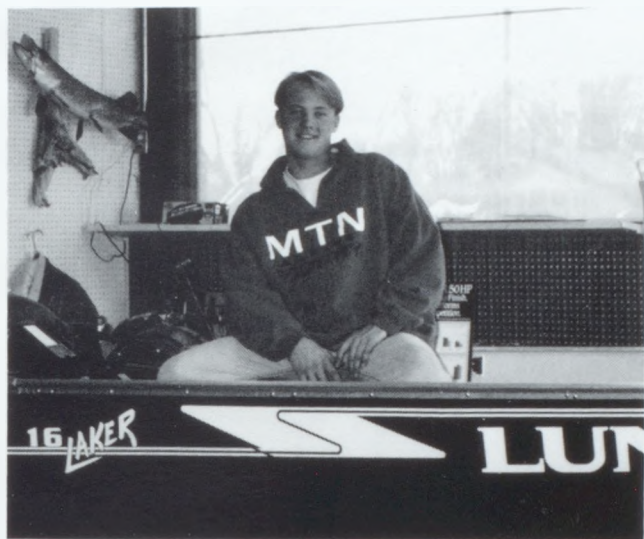
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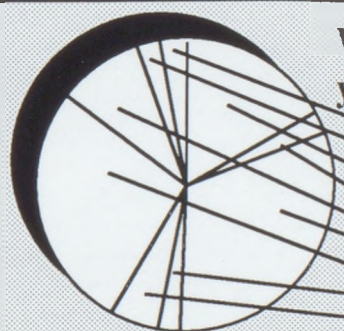
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of all you've accomplished
and for the kind of woman
you've become.
We love you.
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relations
director



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Yeah, this is one of the many
memories that I will cherish
forever. This has been a
long year, but you have
made it. We are so very
proud of you. We wish you
the best of luck at whatever
the future brings. Remember
that you'll always have our
love and support. Much love
always,
From all of your
family



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We are so proud of you.
Thank you for making our job so easy.
Congratulations and all our love,
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Jaime, this was your first day of school!
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You're a wonderful daughter, and I love you very much.
Mom



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Bradie,
As a child you were so sensitive and caring. Now you're a young woman with so many gifts to share. The future is yours. We love you.
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Joe,
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Love,
Mom



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and I love you very much!
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memories but
remember the best is
yet to come. We are
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Mom



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last time you did
dishes.
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the next four to eight
years of college.
Love,
Dad
and Jodie



Ross Anderson

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sister:
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so proud of you. I know
you will accomplish
everything you set your
mind to. I believe in you,
Heidi, and am behind
you all the way. I love
you, L. N. !!
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Jill (B.T.)



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began and the
door of
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J.
J.
J.
and J.



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Mom



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really are. You have
accomplished so much,
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Mom, Dad and Kasi



David Bullock

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Mom, Dad, Jane
and Erin



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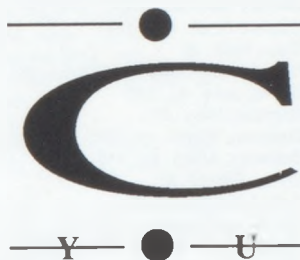


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Jason Robert Cox: Baseball 10; Academic Decathlon 11, 12; Academic Team 11, 12; History Team 11, 12; Key Club 11, 12; Leadership Retreat 9; Mock Trial 10, 11, 12; TLC 10, 11, 12.

Leith Jay Cox

Douglas Allen Danner Jr.: Basketball 9, 10, 11, Tri-Captain 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9; Spanish Quiz Bowl 9, 10; Leadership Retreat 9, 12; SAIL 12; SODA 12; Concert Choir 12; Innovation 12; Sound Advice 9, 10; Sr. High Chorus 9, 10, 12; Drake Young Writer's Conference 10, 12; Chorus Trip 9; Winter Formal Court 12.

Justin Scott Davis: Baseball 9, 10, 12; Football 10; Golf 10, 12; Hockey 9, 10, 11.

Jamie Lynne Davis: Football Cheerleader 9; Honor Roll 9, 10; TLC 9.

Kyle Craig Dickey: Basketball 9, 10; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 10; Honor Roll 9; Spanish Quiz Bowl 11; Leadership Retreat 9; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11; TLC 10, 11.

Danielle Kathleen Dook: Basketball Cheerleader 9; Softball 9; Academic Letter 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama Club 11; French Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Leadership Retreat 9, 10, 11; National Honor Society 12; SAIL 10, 11, 12; TLC 10, 11; All-State Chorus 11, 12; Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Concert Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Innovation 10, 11, 12; Jazz Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; School Play 11; Sound Advice 9, 11, 12; Sr. High Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Safety Kids 10, 11, 12; All-Conference Honor Band 10, 11, 12; Opus Honor Choir 9.

Iona Blossom Dostler: Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10; Volleyball 9, 10; Academic Letter 9, 10; Honor Roll 9, 10, 12; Colloquy 11, 12; Key Club 9; Leadership Retreat 9; National Honor Society 12; SODA 12; TLC 9, 10.

Scott Allan Ebke: Baseball 9; Football 9; Soccer 10, 11, 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Conflict Manager 12; FCA 10, 11, 12; Leadership Retreat 12; TLC 9, 10, 11, 12; Sound Advice 9; Sr. High Chorus 9, 10.

Mark Nathan Elliott: Golf 12; Soccer 9, 10, 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11; Honor Roll 12; Spanish Quiz Bowl 9, 10; FCA 9, 10, 11, 12; Leadership Retreat 10, 11, 12; SADD 9, 10, 11, 12; SAIL 11, 12; TLC 9, 10, 11, 12; U.N. Trip 11.

Daniel Reed Flannery: Cross Country 10; Roller Hockey 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Tennis 9, 10; Academic Letter 10; Honor Roll 10, 11, 12; Spanish Quiz Bowl 10, 11; FCA 10, 11, 12; Leadership Retreat 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; SADD 9, 10; SAIL 10, 11, 12; TLC 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Attendant 12; U.N. Trip 11.

Ryan Flynn: Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 9, 10; Golf 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11; Academic Letter 11; Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; Leadership Retreat 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; SAIL 11, 12; SODA 12; TLC 9, 10; Governor's Youth Conference 11.

Channon Brooke Foley: Honor Roll 12.

Jill Christine Foley: Basketball 9, 10, 11; Cross Country 9, 10, 11; Cross Country 9, 10, 11; Soccer 10; Tennis 10; Track 9, 10; History Team 9; Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; Colloquy 10, 11; Leadership Retreat 9, 10, 11; Literary Magazine 12; Mock Trial 9; National Honor Society 11, 12; Newspaper 11; Editor 12; SADD 9; SAIL 10, 11; Student Council 10, 11; TLC 9, 10, 11; Yearbook 10, 11, 12.

Amie Marie Ford: Honor Roll 11, 12; Leadership Retreat 11.

Carrie Lea Fowler: Softball 10; Volleyball 10.

Shanna Marie Galloway: Basketball 9, 10, 11; Softball 9, 10; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10; Academic Letter 9, 10; Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 11; Leadership Retreat 9, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Prom Committee 12; SAIL 11, 12; TLC 9, 10, 11, 12.

Christopher Ryon Garmon

T. Mark Gay: Basketball 9; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; Leadership Retreat 9; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11; TLC 9, 10, 11.

Holly Marie Goughly: Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; Student of the Month 10; Teaching Assistant, Business Keyboarding 12; Leadership Retreat 10; National Honor Society 11, 12; TLC 10, 11; Sr. High Chorus 9; Art Trip 9.

Misty Lee Graham: Speech Contest 9; School Play 11; Peer Helper 10, 11.

Brian Richard Green

Cody Forrest Greenwood: Hockey 10, 11.

Ryan James Guttridge: Baseball 9, 10; Football 9; Tennis 9; Wrestling 9, 10, 11; Academic Letter 10, 11; Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; Teaching Assistant, Biology 11; Junior/Senior Board 12; Leadership Retreat 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; SAIL 10, 11, 12; TLC 9, 10, 11, 12.

Christina Ann Hammen: Wrestling Manager 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 10; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling Statistician 9, 10, 11, 12; Academic Letter 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; Student of the Month 11; Leadership Retreat 10; National Honor Society 11, 12; Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Concert Choir 10, 11, 12; Innovation 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Sound Advice 9, 10; Sr. High Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Trip 11; Exchange Trip With Japan 12; All-Conference Band 9, 10, 11, 12.

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 Bowl 11, 12; Drama Club 11; Key Club 9, 10, 11; Leadership
 Retreat 10, 11; SADD 9, 10, 11, 12; TLC 9, 10, 11; Concert Band
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 Sr. High Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Drake Young Writer's Conference
 10; Drake Honor Band 11; All-Conference Band 10; LH Honor
 Band 11.
 Tetsushi Hashiguchi: Baseball 11; Basketball 10, 11, 12; Soccer
 10, 11; Softball 10, 11; Tennis 11; Track 11, 12; Volleyball 10, 11,
 12; Judo Wrestling 10, 11.
 Jamie L. Hawkins
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 11, 12; Student of the Month 9; Leadership Retreat 9, 10; National
 Honor Society 12; SADD 9, 10; TLC 9, 10; All-State Chorus 12;
 Concert Choir 10, 11, 12; Innovation 10, 11, 12; Sound Advice 9;
 Sr. High Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12.
 Tyson James Iles: Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10;
 Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Golf 9, 10; Track 11; Honor Roll 10, 12;
 Leadership Retreat 9, 10, 11; SAIL 10, 11.
 Eric Jay Johnson: Golf 10, 11, 12; Football Manager 9, 10, 11, 12;
 Basketball Manager 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball Manager 10; Honor
 Roll 12; SODA 12; TLC 9, 10, 11, 12.
 Jaime Lynn Johnson: Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Competition
 Squad 10, 11; Pom Squad 10, 11; Captain 12; Softball 9, 10, 11,
 Captain 12; Track 9, 10; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Aca-
 demic Letter 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; Student of the
 Month 9, 10, 11; FCA 11; Key Club 11, 12; Leadership Retreat 9,
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 SADD 10, 11, 12; SAIL 11, 12; TLC 9, 10, 11, 12; Sr. High Chorus
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 Jay Ryan Johnson: Golf 9, 10; Motocross Racing 10, 11, 12;
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 Christina Kay Jones: Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11,
 12; Academic Letter 9, 10; Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; Student of the
 Month 10; Teaching Assistant, 12; French Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Key
 Club 12; Leadership Retreat 12; National Honor Society 12; Prom
 Committee 12; SADD 12; Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Marching
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 Soccer 9, 10; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Academic Letter 9,
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 Matthew Robert Keltner: Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Quiz
 Bowl 10, 11; Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Innovation 10, 11, 12; Jazz
 Band 10, 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Band Trip 9, 12.
 Jami Lynn Kennel: Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12;
 Track 9; Volleyball 9; Academic Letter 10; Honor Roll 9, 10, 11,
 12; Leadership Retreat 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11,
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 TLC 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Attendant 9, 10; Mop Representa-
 tive 12; Safety Kids 10, 11, 12.
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 Football Cheerleader 11, Captain 12; Basketball Cheerleader Cap-
 tain 12; Competition Squad 10; Pom Squad 10, 11, Captain 12;
 Swimming 10; Tennis 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9; Spanish
 Quiz Bowl 9, 10; Government 12; FCA 10, 11, 12; Leadership
 Retreat 9; Prom Committee 12; TLC 9, 10, 11, 12; Mop Representa-
 tive 12; All-Iowa Honor Drill Team 12.
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 ship Retreat 12; School Play 10; Sr. High Chorus 9, 10.
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 demic Letter 10; Honor Roll 9, 10, 11; Key Club 12; Leadership
 Retreat 9, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; SADD 12; TLC 9, 12;
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 Marching Band 9, 10, 11; Sr. High Chorus 9.
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 12; Honor Roll 9; Leadership Retreat 9, 10; SAIL 10, 11; TLC 9,
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 Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; Leadership Retreat 9, 10; National Honor Society
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 Choir 10, 11, 12; Innovation 10, 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11,
 12; Sound Advice 9; Sr. High Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12.
 Teresa Anne Lane: Basketball 9; Basketball Manager 9, 10;
 Volleyball 9; Honor Roll 12; Spanish Quiz Bowl 9, 10; Teaching
 Assistant, Freshman English 11; Drama Club 11; Key Club 9, 10,
 11, President 12; Leadership Retreat 9, 10, 11, 12; Prom Committee
 12; SADD 9, 10, 11; SAIL 11, 12; SODA 12; TLC 9, 10, 11, 12;
 Concert Band 9, 10, 11; Marching Band 9, 10, 11; School Play 11;
 Sr. High Chorus 9, 10; Governor's Youth Conference 10, 11, 12.
 Dawn Marie Liekweg: Academic Decathlon 12; Academic Letter
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 Spanish Quiz Bowl 9, 10, 11, 12; Student of the Month 9; Drama
 Club 11; Leadership Retreat 9; Mock Trial 10; National Honor
 Society 11, 12; SADD 9, 10, 11, 12; TLC 9, 10; Concert Choir 10,
 11; School Play 9, 10, 12; Sound Advice 10; Sr. High Chorus 9, 10,
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Thomas Jeffery Logan: Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Quiz Bowl 11; Leadership Retreat 9; National Honor Society 12; French Trip 9.

Christian Madorin: Football 12.

Marcella Mandarino Medeiros

Sean Wayne Makeeff: Hockey 9, 10, 12; Soccer 10; Mock Trial 9, 10; Concert Band 9, 10; Jazz Band 9, 10; Marching Band 9, 10; School Play 10.

Alejandra Almeida Marquez: Volleyball 12; Spanish Quiz Bowl 12; French Club 12; Leadership Retreat 12; Spanish Club 12; Winter Formal Queen 12.

Amy Beth Martin: Honor Roll 9, 12; Spanish Quiz Bowl 9; Leadership Retreat 10; Colorguard 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Concert Choir 10, 11, 12; Innovation 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Sound Advice 9, 10; Sr. High Chorus 9, 10, 11, Treasurer 12; Chorus Trip 9, 12.

Jeffrey Scott Martin: Golf 11, 12; Soccer 12; Motocross Racing 10, 11, 12.

David Justin May: Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Quiz Bowl 9, 10; SODA 12; TLC 9, 10, 11.

Sarah Jane May: Leadership Retreat 9.

Michelle L. McCarter

Joseph Patrick McClung: Bowling 11, 12; JHS Mascot 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Golf 12; Roller Hockey 12; Soccer 10; Track 9, 10; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Academic Letter 11; Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Quiz Bowl 9, 10, 11; FCA 11; Key Club 11; Leadership Retreat 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 12; SADD 9, 10; SAIL 11, 12; SODA 12; Spanish Club 11; Student Council 12; TLC 9, 10, 11, 12; Governor's Youth Conference 10; Mop King 11; Winter Formal King 12.

Shannon Kelly McClure: Basketball 9, 10, 11; Football 9; Golf 9; Track 10, 11, 12; Academic Letter 9; Academic Team 9; History Team 9, 10; Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; FCA 11, 12; Leadership Retreat 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Prom Committee 12; SAIL 11, 12; TLC 9, 10, 11, 12; Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Innovation 12; Jazz Band 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; School Play 10; Drake Young Writer's Conference 10; U.N. Trip 11.

Chad Richard McFarling: Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10; Football 11, 12; Golf 9, 10; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; Washington D.C. Trip 9; Ski Trip 11.

Kriston Marie Meyers: Basketball 9, 10; Football Manager 9; Honor Roll 11, 12; Teaching Assistant, Guidance Office 11, 12; Leadership Retreat 9, 10, 12.

Zach Kent Meyers: Football 9, 10; Soccer 9; Swimming 9.

Jennifer Lynn Miller: Basketball 9; Leadership Retreat 9; TLC 9, 10; Sr. High Chorus 9, 10.

Brian Scott Moss: Swimming 9, 10.

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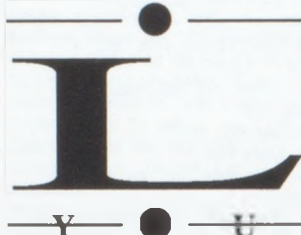
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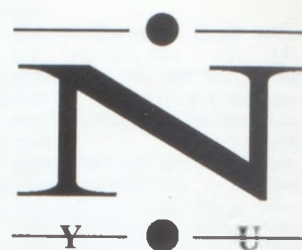
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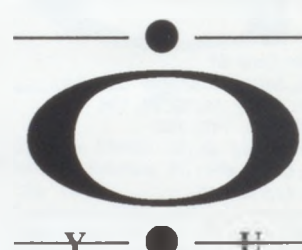
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 Tiffani Jill Petersen

Andrew Scott Peterson: Hockey 9, 10; Honor Roll 9.
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Trisha Lynne Phipps: Basketball 9, 10; Honor Roll 9, 10, 12; Concert Band 9; Marching Band 9.

Chad Piper: Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9; Concert Choir 11, 12; Innovation 11, 12; Sr. High Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Spain Trip 12; Chorus Trip 12.

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Gregory Ryan Reed: Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Golf 12; Swimming 10, 11, Captain 12; Tennis 9, 10; Track 11; Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Quiz Bowl 10; Conflict Manager 12; Leadership Retreat 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; SAIL 11, 12; SODA 12; T.L.C. 9, 10, 11; Homecoming King 12.

James M. Reetz: Football 9; Leadership Retreat 9, 10; T.L.C. 9, 10.
 Michael Edward Remer: Basketball 9; Football 9, 11, 12; Golf 9, 10; Track 11; Academic Decathlon 11, 12; Academic Team 9, 10, 11, 12; History Team 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 9, 10, 11; Key Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Leadership Retreat 9, 10, 11, 12; Mock Trial 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; SAIL 11, 12; SODA 12; T.L.C. 9, 10, 11, 12; Concert Band 9; Concert Choir 11, 12; Marching Band 9; Sr. High Chorus 10, 11, 12.

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Jeremy Paul Rinehart: Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 10, 11, Captain 12; Academic Decathlon 9; Academic Team 9; Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Quiz Bowl 9, 10; FCA 10; Leadership Retreat 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Newspaper 10; Distribution Manager 11; SAIL 10, 11, 12; Student Council 9, 10, 11, Senior Class President 12; T.L.C. 9, Chairman 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Attendee 12.

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Honor Society 11, 12; SAIL 10, 11, 12; SODA 12; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11, 12; TLC 9, 10, 11, President 12; Homecoming Attendant 9, 10, 11.

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Jason Emmanuel Sturtz: Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; Leadership Retreat 9; National Honor Society 12; All-State Chorus 12; Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Concert Choir 11, 12; Innovation 11, 12; Jazz Band 9, 10, 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Sound Advice 10; Sr. High Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12.

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Ian Christopher Wardlow: Honor Roll 12; Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Drake Young Writer's Conference 12; Band Trip 12; Chess Team 9.

Laura Michelle Watral: Track 9, 10; Drama Club 9, 10, 11; School Play 9, 10, 11; Sr. High Chorus 9, 10, 11.

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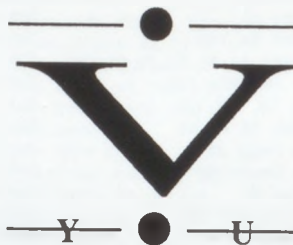
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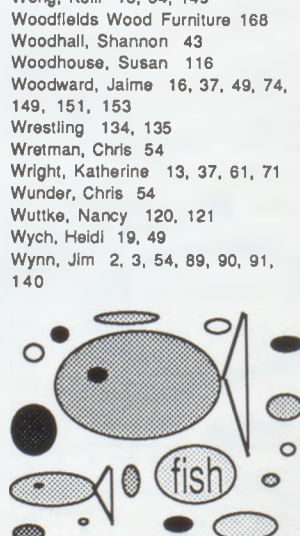
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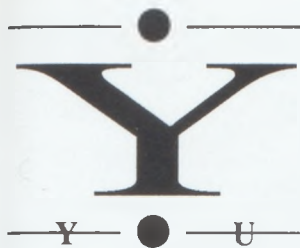
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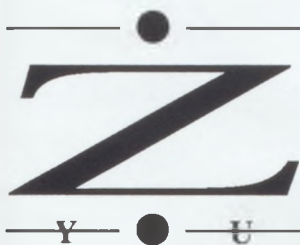
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flowers open
and bloom,
seniors Jenny
Smith and Grady
Tibboel discuss
the changes
their lives will
soon encounter
as their high
school careers
close. The two
friends play in
the meadow
graduation week
in celebration of
the soon-to-
come, liberating
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secondary
academia.
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leave in July for
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Colorado, while
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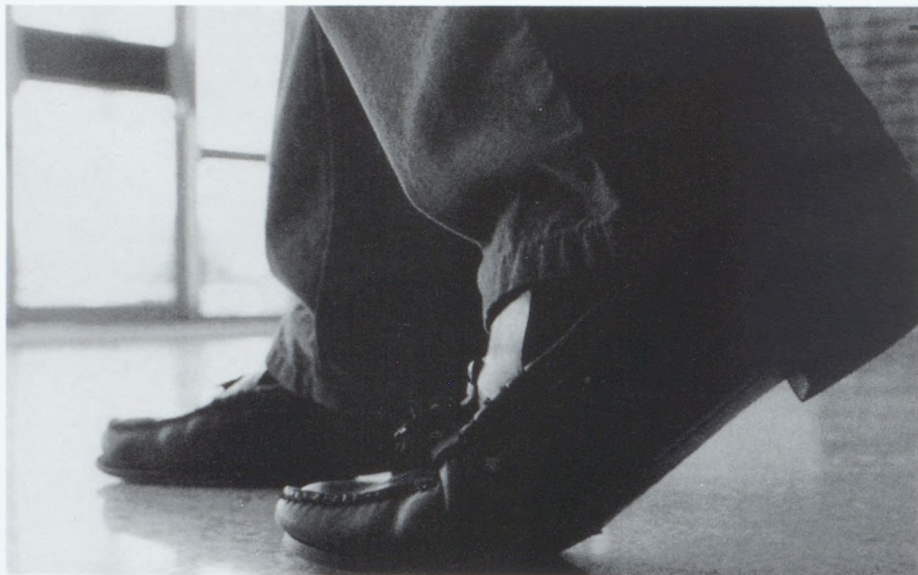
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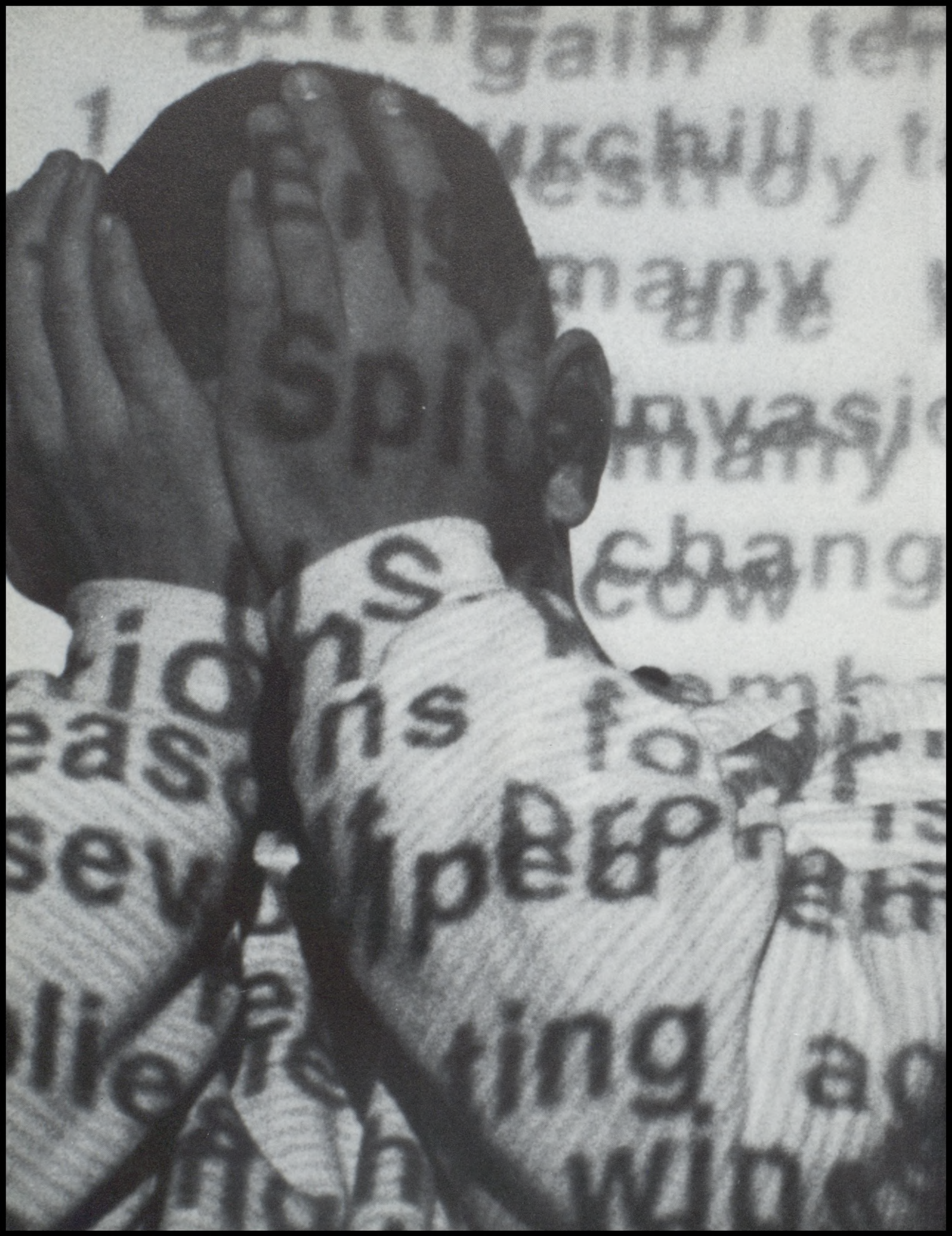
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